

ANNUAL REPORT  
*OF THE*  
TOWN OF MERRIMAC,

*FOR THE*



Year Ending January 31,  
**1904.**

---

MERRIMAC, MASS.,  
PRINTED BY THE MERRIMAC BUDGET,  
CLIFTON B. HEATH, MANAGER.  
1904.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Selectmen, Town Officers and  
School Committee  
OF  
The Town of Merrimac,  
FOR THE  
Year Ending January 31,  
1904.

---

MERRIMAC, MASS.,  
PRINTED BY THE MERRIMAC BUDGET,  
CLIFTON B. HEATH, MANAGER.  
1904.

# APPROPRIATIONS.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1904.

---

|   |            |             |
|---|------------|-------------|
| General School purposes,                          | \$8,525 00 |             |
| Superintendent of Schools,                        | 375 00     |             |
| Conveyance of pupils,                             | 200 00     |             |
| Highways,   | 1,500 00   |             |
| Support of Poor,                                  | 2,100 00   |             |
| Sidewalks and Crossings,                          | 200 00     |             |
| Soldiers Relief,                                  | 500 00     |             |
| Fire Department,                                  | 1,500 00   |             |
| Town Officers,                                    | 1,600 00   |             |
| Street Lights,                                    | 700 00     |             |
| Public Library,                                   | 500 00     |             |
| Interest,   | 350 00     |             |
| Discount,   | 700 00     |             |
| Sprinkling,                                       | 100 00     |             |
| Miscellaneous,                                    | 600 00     |             |
| Memorial Day,                                     | 75 00      |             |
| Furnace for Library,                              | 57 96      |             |
| Finding Supply of Water,                          | 500 00     |             |
| Appropriation, Sept. 30, to make<br>pumping test, | 1500 00    |             |
|   | <hr/>      | \$21,582 96 |

# TOWN OFFICERS.

---

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

EVERETT D. GEORGE,                      ALFRED M. COLBY,  
RALPH H. SARGENT.

CLERK.

BAILEY SARGENT.

TREASURER.

CLIFTON B. HEATH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JOHN S. CLEMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

GILBERT G. DAVIS.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

FRANK F. PHILBRICK,                      JAMES T. LOCKE,  
CHARLES E. ROWELL,                      BAILEY SARGENT.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ANGUS McINNIS,                      JOHN Wm. BRADY,  
LORENZO B. BLAISDELL.

CONSTABLES.

ATWOOD S. NIXON,                      OLIVER W. JORDAN,  
WILLIAM S. TUCKWELL.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                       |                    |      |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| FRED E. SWEETSIR,     | Term expires March | 1904 |
| SAMUEL D. ASHLEY,     | " " "              | 1905 |
| CHARLES A. LANCASTER, | " " "              | 1906 |

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

|                     |                    |      |
|---------------------|--------------------|------|
| THOMAS H. HOYT,     | Term expires March | 1904 |
| WILLIAM B. SARGENT, | " " "              | 1904 |
| JAMES F. PEASE,     | " " "              | 1905 |
| CHARLES W. SAWYER,  | " " "              | 1905 |
| HERBERT O. DELANO,  | " " "              | 1906 |
| GEORGE E. RICKER,   | " " "              | 1906 |

## TRUSTEES OF CEMETERYS.

|                       |                    |      |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| CHARLES A. LANCASTER, | Term expires March | 1904 |
| GEORGE G. LARKIN,     | " " "              | 1905 |
| CHARLES E. ROWELL,    | " " "              | 1906 |

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD

## AND BARK.

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| EDGAR P. SARGENT, | JOHN J. WOODMAN. |
|-------------------|------------------|

## FENCE VIEWER.

EDGAR P. SARGENT.

## TREE WARDEN.

GILBERT G. DAVIS.

## AUDITOR.

FREDERICK C. GRANT,

POLICE.

ATWOOD S. NIXON, CHIEF AND NIGHT WATCHMAN,  
DANIEL C. BUNKER, DANA F. TIBBETTS,  
FRED O. BAILEY, CLARENCE O. LIBBY,  
THOMAS PARKIN, SPECIALS.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

JOHN J. WOODMAN.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

CLARENCE O. LIBBY, GEORGE F. MASON.

FIRE WARDENS.

EDGAR P. SARGENT, WILLARD B. KELLEY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

EDWARD WYMAN.

BURIAL AGENT.

CHARLES A. BRIDGES.



# SCHOOL REPORT.

---

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| F. E. SWEETSIR, Chairman, | Term expires 1904 |
| S. D. ASHLEY, Secretary,  | " " 1905          |
| C. A. LANCASTER,          | " " 1906          |

---

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| CHAS. W. CUTTS,   | SUPERINTENDENT up to Sept. 1903 |
| G. E. CHICKERING, | SUPERINTENDENT since Sept. 1903 |

---

## TEACHERS.

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| CHARLES W. CUTTS,                       | Principal High School            |
| MITTIE A. DOW,                          | First Assistant High School      |
| MARION WOODWARD, }<br>SUSANNA SAYRE, }  | Second Assistant High School     |
| H. M. VAUGHAN, }<br>E. J. WHITTIMORE, } | Principal Centre First Grammar   |
| LILLA M. PHELPS,                        | Second Grammar                   |
| MARY H. HEAD,                           | Third Grammar                    |
| L. PEARL FRENCH,                        | Centre First Intermediate        |
| ANNA F. DODGE, }<br>MARION W. SMITH, }  | Prospect St. Second Intermediate |



|                   |   |                      |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| ETTA H. COLBY,    | } | Centre First Primary |
| HATTIE A. BAXTER, |   |                      |

|                 |   |                             |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| MARY L. BROWN,  | } | Prospect St. Second Primary |
| S. C. HASKINS,  |   |                             |
| EMMA M. RAMSEY, |   |                             |
| MAE MAGOON,     |   |                             |
| SARA S. ALLEY,  |   |                             |

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| S. BLANCHE CUNNINGHAM, | Middle St. Second Primary |
|------------------------|---------------------------|

|                   |   |              |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| MARION W. SMITH,  | } | Merrimacport |
| MYRTLE B. COLSON, |   |              |

|                     |   |           |
|---------------------|---|-----------|
| HATTIE A. BAXTER,   | } | Bear Hill |
| GERTRUDE A. HAMLIN, |   |           |

|                     |   |              |
|---------------------|---|--------------|
| NETTIE J. SPOFFORD, | } | Birch Meadow |
| ANNIE L. HOSFORD,   |   |              |

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| M. EVA ROBINSON, | Supervisor of Music |
|------------------|---------------------|

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| MAUD H. ROSE, | Supervisor of Drawing |
|---------------|-----------------------|

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| M. A. SAWYER, | Substitute |
|---------------|------------|

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| MRS. E. S. LANE, | Substitute |
|------------------|------------|

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| JUDITH ROWELL, | Substitute |
|----------------|------------|

TRUANT OFFICER.

S. SCOFIELD.

## MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

---

### GRADUATES, 1903.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROLAND MARSHALL CARROLL,  | College Preparatory Course |
| WM. SYLVESTER LENNARD,    | College Preparatory Course |
| CARRIE NOYES PEASE,       | College Preparatory Course |
| LAVINA MILLETT BARTLETT,  | Classical Course           |
| MARION CUSHMAN FLAGG,     | Classical Course           |
| FLORENCE ADELAIDE GREEN,  | Classical Course           |
| LINDA HARRIETT KELLY,     | Classical Course           |
| GRACE FOLLANSBEE MORSE,   | Classical Course           |
| ESTHER MORSE MERRILL,     | Scientific Course          |
| SARAH BLACKINTON TITCOMB, | Scientific Course          |
| ELLEN FRANCES HANDLEY,    | English Course             |
| HORACE EDWIN MOSER,       | English Course             |

## Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the School Committee.

---

We hereby submit the annual report of the School Committee for the present year together with that of the Superintendent which has been adopted.

At the March meeting Charles A. Lancaster was elected to the Committee in the place of T. H. Hoyt, resigned.

The Board was at once organized with F. E. Sweetsir chosen chairman and purchasing agent and S. D. Ashley, secretary.

Negotiations were at once begun with different towns to employ a District Superintendent in accordance with the statutes.

We naturally turned to Amesbury as the most desirable union we could have. After some correspondence a joint meeting was held with the Amesbury School Committee. We found that in order to form a union with them that their Superintendent, with whom they were well satisfied, demanded a salary which would cost the town about double the amount it has ever cost it for a Superintendent, and even at this cost we were to have but a day and a half per week instead of two and a half days as in the past. This we felt was unwarranted.

The other most available union was with North Andover. A joint meeting of the two School Boards was held at North Andover in April and a union was made. By this union we

were able to once more obtain the services of George E. Chickering as Superintendent for the year.

Mr. Chickering served the town in a like capacity in a satisfactory manner two years ago, but because of the failure of the town to appropriate an average amount of money for the three preceding years, the requirements of the statutes were not lived up to and Merrimac lost her right to the six hundred and twenty-five dollars payable by the State to help pay the Superintendent.

In order to clear the law, the arrangement was made with Mr. Cutts to keep the High School one session and in this way to give him the afternoons to attend to Superintendent's duties at a small increase of salary.

Had it not been for this, or a similar arrangement, it would have cost the town \$750 for a Superintendent from September, 1902, to September, 1903.

The one session system has been continued for the High School as it has been satisfactory to pupils and parents generally.

During the summer many much needed repairs were made. The Plains school house was painted outside. At the Center building Miss French's and Miss Colby's rooms were painted. The Superintendent's room was renovated and put into a more suitable place for an office. A chimney was partially relaid.

At this building it became necessary to buy four new stoves, as the old ones had passed their usefulness and were beyond repair. The result has been, that even through the severe cold weather, the rooms have been properly heated without trouble, while last winter the schools in this building had to be dismissed several days, because it was impossible to heat them to a safe temperature with the old heating apparatus.

At the High school new desks have been put in to the recitation rooms as suggested in the report of Mr. Cutts last year. At this building a new cellar drain has been laid as in the Spring there has been much water in the cellar.

Bear Hill school house has been thoroughly painted outside and in the halls, and has also been shingled.

The school house at the Port demands painting to preserve the building, and this should be done this spring. The front wall of the underpinning should also be relaid.

The increased cost of coal has again decidedly increased the cost of heating the schools compared with former years.

The report of the School Board is always a report of expense, but in this connection it is a pleasure for your Committee to inform you that on and after this year the money which the town receives from the Massachusetts School Fund will be decidedly increased in amount. Instead of between three and four hundred dollars it will be between six and seven hundred dollars.

In order that the citizens may know about this fund, and just how this money must be expended by your School Committee, we will print the notice which we received together with the statutes quoted.

This fund was established by the Legislative Acts of 1834, Chap. 169, providing that "all moneys in the treasury derived from the sale of lands in the State of Maine, and from the claims of the State on the Government of the United States for military services, and not otherwise appropriated, together with fifty per centum of all moneys thereafter to be received from the sale of lands in Maine, shall be appropriated to constitute a permanent fund for the aid and encouragement of common schools, provided that said fund shall not exceed one million dollars."

In 1854 (chapter 300) an important act was passed, pro-



viding for the increase of the fund by the transfer "of such a number of shares held by the Commonwealth in the Western Railroad Corporation, as will, at the rate of one hundred dollars a share, increase the principal of said fund to the amount of one million five hundred dollars."

Again, by chapter 154 of the Acts of 1859, it was provided in section 3, that "all the avails of the moiety of the sales of public lands which by the provisions of the seventeenth chapter of the resolves of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven inure immediately to the use of the Commonwealth, and the use of which is not otherwise provided for in this act, shall be added to the principal of the Massachusetts School Fund.

This fund has increased to nearly \$4,000,000 at the present time.

We recommend that the town appropriate for the coming year the sum of \$9,000.00, for a Superintendent, conveyance of pupils and general school purposes. This is the minimum amount we believe which the town should appropriate in order to obtain the state money for a Superintendent.

|                  |   |                      |
|------------------|---|----------------------|
| F. E. SWEETSIR,  | } | School<br>Committee. |
| S. D. ASHLEY,    |   |                      |
| C. A. LANCASTER, |   |                      |

## Important Change in the Method of Distributing the Annual Income of the School Fund.

---

Boston, July 15, 1903.

The Legislature has unanimously passed a law which distributes the entire annual income of the school fund (instead of one-half the income as heretofore) to the towns having a valuation not exceeding \$2,500,000, in the following manner (chapter 456, Acts of 1903) :—

1. Every town which complies with all laws relative to the distribution of said income and whose valuation of real and personal property, as shown by the last preceding assessors' valuation thereof, does not exceed one-half million dollars shall annually receive five hundred dollars; but if its rate of taxation for any year shall be eighteen dollars or more on a thousand dollars it shall receive seventy-five dollars additional; every such town whose valuation is more than one-half million dollars and does not exceed one million dollars shall receive three hundred dollars; and every such town whose valuation is more than one million dollars and does not exceed two million dollars shall receive one hundred and fifty dollars; and every town whose valuation is more than two million dollars and does not exceed two and one-half million dollars shall receive seventy-five dollars. The remainder of said income shall be distributed to towns whose valuation does not exceed two and one-half million dollars, and whose annual tax for the support of public schools is not



less than one-sixth of their whole tax for the year, as follows :—Every town whose school tax is not less than one-third of its whole tax shall receive a proportion of said remainder expressed by one-third ; every town whose school tax is not less than one-fourth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-fourth ; every town whose school tax is not less than one-fifth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-fifth ; and every town whose school tax is not less than one-sixth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-sixth.

2. The income of said fund which has accrued on the thirty-first day of December in each year shall be apportioned by the commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund in the manner provided for by section one of this act, and paid to the several towns on the twenty-fifth day of January thereafter.

3. The sums received by any town under the provisions of this act shall be held by the town treasurer and shall be expended only for expenses in maintenance of the public schools authorized by the school committee, in accordance with existing laws ; and it shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a separate account of all sums so received and expended, and the school committee shall make an annual report to the state board of education, in such form as may be prescribed by said board, of the amount received during each year, the amount expended from such receipts, the purpose for which such expenditures have been made, in detail, and the balance, if any, remaining unexpended. And whenever it appears that, in the opinion of the state board of education, the sums paid to any town have not been used in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of this section, or that they have not been held and accounted for separately, or that the report thereof herein required has not been made, the com-

missioners of the school fund are hereby authorized to withhold, as they may deem advisable, the whole or any part of the future allowances otherwise falling to such town under the provisions of this act.

4. The previous law relative to the distribution of the income of the school fund (Revised Laws, chapter 41, sections 4 and 5), all laws which provided for the payment of other expenses from the income of the school fund, and the law for the payment of two dollars per week to the teachers of exceptional ability (Revised Laws, chapter 42, section 30) are repealed.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY.

1. The *entire* income of the school fund is distributed to the towns whose valuations do not exceed \$2,500,000.

2. This will give to towns which raise an amount by taxation for schools not less than that heretofore raised, approximately double the amount they have previously received.

3. While the payment by the State of two dollars a week extra to teachers of exceptional ability is discontinued after the close of the present term, the additional amount these towns receive will enable them to continue the increase, and the agents of the Board will continue, upon the requests of the school committees or superintendents, to give advice as to teachers worthy to receive such increase. The excellent results of the past warrant the continuance of this incentive to good teachers.

4. A detailed account of the expenditure of the amounts received from the school fund must be made to the Board of Education; the failure of any town to do this will imperil its receipt of any portion of the income.

5. The intent of the law is to improve the schools, not to lessen local taxation, and the towns that devote to school

purposes the largest proportion of their tax will receive the largest proportionate amount of aid.

6. The following provision of the Revised Laws (chapter 41, section 6) should be borne in mind :—

No such apportionment and distribution shall be made to a town which has not maintained a school as required by section one of chapter forty-two; or which, if containing the number of families or householders required by section two of said chapter, has not maintained, for at least thirty-six weeks during the year, exclusive of vacations, a high school such as is mentioned therein; or which has not made the returns required by sections five and six of chapter forty-three, and complied with the laws relative to truancy; or which has not raised by taxation for the support of public schools which are authorized or required by law, including the wages of teachers, the transportation of school children, fuel, the care of fires, school rooms and school premises, supervision, textbooks and supplies, and school sundries or incidentals during the school year embraced in the last annual returns, an amount not less than three dollars for each person between the ages of five and fifteen years resident in such town on the first day of September of said school year.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

|                                      |                   |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Appropriated by town on account of   |                   |             |
| Superintendent,                      | \$375 00          |             |
| For Conveyance of Pupils,            | 200 00            |             |
| For General School Purposes,         | 8,525 00          |             |
| Received April 2, from State, Super- |                   |             |
| intendent money,                     | 625 00            |             |
| “ June 29, from D. W. Gould,         |                   |             |
| on division fence,                   | 9 36              |             |
| “ from Horatio Evans, for ap-        |                   |             |
| ples in 1902,                        | 2 00              |             |
| “ from State, account of State       |                   |             |
| children,                            | 181 00            |             |
| “ Jan. 26, 1904, Mass. School        |                   |             |
| fund,                                | 779 86            |             |
| “ from dog tax,                      | 107 51            |             |
| “ from Fire Department, for          |                   |             |
| wood burned at Thomp-                |                   |             |
| son's fire, Birch Meadow,            | 2 25              |             |
|                                      | <u>          </u> | \$10,806 98 |
| Expended on account of Schools,      | \$9,705 61        |             |
| Unexpended,                          | \$321 51          |             |
| Mass. School Fund,                   | 779 86            |             |
|                                      | <u>          </u> | 1,101 37    |
|                                      | <u>          </u> | \$10,806 98 |

It will be noticed that the Massachusetts School Fund was received just as the books were about to be closed, therefore we have this left entire. This will be held by the Town Treasurer subject to the order of the School Committee in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 456, Acts of 1903.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

1904.

March 25—Winter term closes.

April 4—Spring term begins.

June 24—Spring term closes.

Sept. 6—Fall term begins.

Dec. 23—Fall term closes.

1905.

Jan. 2—Winter term begins.

SESSIONS—Every day, except Saturday from 8 a. m. to 1.10  
p. m.

## LOWER SCHOOLS.

1904.

March 25—Winter term closes.

April 11—Spring term begins.

June 25—Spring term closes.

Sept. 6—Fall term begins.

Dec. 23—Fall term closes.

1905.

Jan. 9—Winter term begins.

SESSIONS—Every week day, except Saturday from 8.45 to  
11.45 a. m., and 1.30 to 3.30 p. m.HOLIDAYS—For all schools. Thanksgiving Day and the day  
following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day and  
Memorial Day.

## NO SESSION SIGNAL.

Two blasts repeated twice at 7.30 a. m. means no session in  
the forenoon.Two blasts repeated twice at 12.30 p. m. means no session in  
the afternoon.

STATISTICS.

---

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Population of town, census of 1900,   | 2101 |
| Number of schools in town, Sept. 1902 to June 26,<br>1903,                              | 12   |
| Number of teachers employed including special teachers,                                 | 19   |
| Number of different teachers employed including specials and substitutes,               | 23   |
| Number of children in town Sept. 1, 1902, between 5<br>and 15 years of age, per census, | 360  |
| Number of children in town Sept. 1, between 7 and 14<br>years of age, per census,       | 257  |
| Whole number of pupils enrolled during the school<br>year,                              | 425  |
| Average membership for the year,  | 386  |
| Average attendance for the year,  | 357  |
| Per cent. of attendance for the year,   | 92+  |

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR FALL TERM ENDING DECEMBER 18, 1903.

| GRADE.   | SCHOOL.      | TEACHERS.  | Total Membership. | Average Membership. | Average Attendance. | Per Cent. of Attendance. | Teachers' Salaries Per Month. |
|----------|--------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
|          | High         | Charles W. Cutts, Principal,<br>Mittie A. Dow, 1st Assistant,<br>Susanna Sayre, 2d Assistant,<br>E. J. Whittemore, Principal,<br>Lilla M. Phelps,<br>Mary H. Head,<br>Hattie A. Baxter,<br>Marion W. Smith,<br>Sara S. Alley,<br>S. Blanche Cunningham,<br>Myrtle B. Colson,<br>Gertrude A. Hamlin,<br>Annie L. Hosford, | 63                | 60.95               | 58.93               | 98.90                    | 120.00                        |
| VIII-IX  | Centre       |  | 50                | 49.50               | 46.54               | 91.41                    | 45.00                         |
| VII VIII | Centre       |  | 43                | 42.80               | 41.42               | 96.19                    | 40.00                         |
| V-VI     | Centre       |  | 43                | 39.50               | 37.81               | 95.72                    | 50.00                         |
| III      | Centre       |  | 31                | 28.69               | 27.28               | 95.69                    | 45.00                         |
| IV-V     | Prospect St. |  | 49                | 46.06               | 43.69               | 94.85                    | 40.00                         |
| I-II     | Prospect St. |  | 36                | 33.93               | 30.69               | 90.51                    | 40.00                         |
| I-II     | Middle St.   |  | 44                | 35.25               | 32.16               | 91.23                    | 40.00                         |
| I-VII    | Port         |  | 23                | 22.81               | 20.59               | 90.27                    | 32.00                         |
| I-VII    | Bear Hill    |  | 30                | 27.72               | 25.41               | 91.67                    | 35.00                         |
| I-VI     | Birch Meadow |  | 13                | 13.00               | 12.16               | 93.54                    | 30.00                         |



TABLE OF ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR SCHOOL YEAR, From September, 1902 to June 26, 1903.

| GRADE.   | SCHOOL.      | TEACHERS.   | Total Membership | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Per Cent. of Attendance | Teachers' Salaries per Month. |
|----------|--------------|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
|          | High         | Charles W. Cutts, Principal,<br>Mittie A. Dow, 1st Assistant,<br>Marion Woodward, 2d Assistant, | 65               | 58.73              | 55.89              | 95.13                   | 120.00                        |
| VIII-IX  | Centre       | H. M. Vaughan,  | 48               | 43.57              | 39.13              | 89.81                   | 42.50                         |
| VII VIII | Centre       | Lilla M. Phelps,  | 48               | 46.46              | 43.09              | 92.74                   | 40.00                         |
| VI       | Centre       | Mary H. Head,   | 30               | 29.00              | 27.53              | 95.26                   | 50.00                         |
| V        | Centre       | L. Pearl French,  | 24               | 22.13              | 21.39              | 96.65                   | 45.00                         |
| III      | Centre       | Etta H. Colby,  | 31               | 29.00              | 27.28              | 94.00                   | 40.00                         |
| IV       | Prospect St. | Annie F. Dodge,   | 31               | 28.42              | 26.55              | 93.40                   | 40.00                         |
| I-II     | Prospect St. | Mary L. Brown,  | 36               | 32.49              | 29.49              | 90.76                   | 40.00                         |
| I-II     | Middle St.   | S. Blanche Cunningham,  | 42               | 36.60              | 32.81              | 88.36                   | 40.00                         |
| I-VII    | Port         | Marion W. Smith,  | 29               | 27.84              | 25.57              | 92.20                   | 35.00                         |
| I-VI     | Bear Hill    | Hattie A. Baxter,   | 20               | 19.64              | 17.20              | 87.62                   | 35.00                         |
| I-VI     | Birch Meadow | Nettie J. Spofford,   | 21               | 12.41              | 11.30              | 91.05                   | 30.00                         |
|          |              |   | 425              | 386.29             | 357.23             | 92 plus                 |                               |

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

---

To the School Committee :

The following report of the public schools of Merrimac is respectfully submitted :

In taking up the work of supervising the schools a second time, after an absence of a year, it was a pleasure to find that so few changes had been made in the work. The statement of Mr. Cutts, in his report for last year, that the work had been "continued in the same channels," I found to be literally true, and I fully agree with him in his opinion that it has been attended "with a good degree of success." It was fortunate that such was the case, for continuity of work is one of the main elements of success. Too often a change in supervising officers is productive of changes in methods and courses which, however good such changes may be, are likely to result in confusion and temporary demoralization. I am satisfied that the teachers have been very faithful.

While there has been little change in the work, the contrary is true as regards the corps of teachers. Miss L. Pearl French and Miss Mary L. Brown had secured more lucrative positions elsewhere, and Miss Etta H. Colby had withdrawn

temporarily on account of illness. All of these teachers had been identified with the Merrimac schools for many years. Mr. Vaughan had resigned, and Miss Nettie J. Spofford had left the Birch Meadow school to assume her professional duties elsewhere. Miss Marion Woodward had resigned from the High school at the end of one year's service. Shortly after the opening of the term in September Miss Annie F. Dodge resigned to accept a position elsewhere. Her place was filled by the transfer of Miss Marion W. Smith from the Port, and Miss Myrtle B. Colson, a new teacher, was assigned to the latter position. Miss S. C. Haskins, who had succeeded Miss Brown, resigned in May. She was succeeded by Miss Emma M. Ramsey who resigned at the end of the first month of the fall term, and Miss Mae Magoon was appointed to her place. She, too, resigned after less than two months' service and Miss Sara S. Alley succeeded her. Miss Susanna Sayre and Miss Annie L. Hosford were elected, the former to the High school and the latter to the Birch Meadow school. Miss Gertrude A. Hamlin was assigned to the Bear Hill school and Miss Baxter placed temporarily in Miss Colby's room. Mr. E. J. Whittemore succeeded Mr. Vaughan. For a small corps of teachers this comes pretty near being a radical change. Only six of those in service in 1902 now remain.

As will be readily seen a corps of teachers subject to such changes can not be supervised in exactly the same way as those in a city where permanency of service is the rule. The limited number forbids grade meetings.

Up to this date my own work has been governed by the apparent needs of each school, and has been mainly of an individual character. This method I have found much more effective than the "hit or miss" plan of a general assembly.

The resignation of Miss French suggested the propriety of consolidating the 4th, 5th and 6th grades in the interest of

economy, and it was accordingly done, one-half of the fifth being assigned to Miss Head at the Centre, the other half to Miss Smith at Prospect street. The consolidation has worked well, and there is no reason why it should not be continued, provided the number, in each room remain as they are. There are some advantages in having two grades in one room, which in rooms of one grade are gained by dividing the class into two divisions. The only objections to the present arrangement is the necessary division of the fifth grade between two teachers and the resulting large number of pupils in each room. The latter objection is more serious than the former.

#### TEXT-BOOKS.

The music, grammar and language books which had been in use in the grammar grades for five or more years have been exchanged for one publication better adapted to pupils of these schools. I hope we may be able to complete the change the coming year with the elementary books in the intermediate grades. Music books have been purchased for use in the High school, a need that has been felt for a long time. Many of the text books now on hand are badly worn and should be replaced with new ones. The economy that has been practiced for the past two years in the purchase of books is plainly manifest in the condition of these necessary supplies. I find on referring to such bills as I have a record of that the expense for the past year for text books and supplies will not exceed up to Jan. 1st \$1.13 per pupil. This is 38 cents less per pupil than the customary average annual cost throughout the state.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

A course of study in Language and Grammar has just been issued. Heretofore we have had to depend on written copies. With the frequent changes in our teaching force such



a printed course is necessary. There is also need of one in geography and physiology.

#### DRAWING.

A special report of drawing will be presented this year, as usual, by the supervisor of that branch of instruction. I wish to state in a general way that in my opinion more attention should be given to mechanical drawing and designing in the High school than has been the custom in past years. Miss Rose has asked for more time for this school, even recommending in her last report that "if more time can not be given to drawing in the school, it be given up entirely." An attempt has been made this year to give more time to this school and some work has been done in the mechanical line. I am told that few of our High school graduates go to any higher educational institution. If this is true it seems especially proper that they should be able to do such work in drafting as will give them enough practical knowledge and sufficient skill to enable them to take a prominent part in the industry for which the town is especially noted.

#### THE PORT SCHOOL.

Some changes could be made at the Port school which would be for the interest of all concerned. We have done something this year but we can do more. I would recommend that the lower room be occupied by the school. The floor is better and the conveniences greater. The cost of changing the furniture would be all the expense of such a move.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

The principal of the High school will make his special report as usual. It would be impossible for me to enter into details in regard to the work of the school for the period previous to September. I wish to state that I fully agree with Mr. Cutts in the statement he made in last year's report when

he says that "Every child who has ability to do High school work, should at least do four years of such work." I would make the first, second and third years more distinctively a business or commercial course. Of course if that was the extent of the student's ambition he could leave at the end of that time and be given, if thought best, a certificate of proficiency.

#### MUSIC.

It is a pleasure to note that the work in music has been resumed and that Mrs. Robinson is again supervising it. Her report will be given as usual.

#### IN GENERAL.

The morale of the schools since September has been very good. There have been few if any cases of truancy, few dismissals, and not a large number of absences. In some schools tardiness exists to such an extent as to constitute an evil, but in general it is not of sufficient magnitude as to require special consideration. The discipline has been good. The teachers have been earnest and faithful. The limit of reasonable economy in school administration has been reached. There are few vacant seats in rooms that are occupied, the only exception being at the Port. Even the Bear Hill school has an enrollment of 30, ten more than for last year. The graded schools have an average of 41 pupils to a teacher.

In concluding this brief report I wish to thank you for your apparent confidence in me, your unvarying courtesy and cordial co-operation. I shall make it my effort for the remainder of the school year to see that your confidence is not misplaced.

GEORGE E. CHICKERING.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

---

To the Superintendent of Schools :

The work of the High school for the year passed has been in a large degree satisfactory. The attendance is practically the same as it was last year. The class that was graduated in June numbered twelve, while that which entered in September numbered nineteen. The average daily attendance since September has been good, for the first three months it was exceptionally good. During the last month of the fall term, for several reasons, the average attendance was considerably lower. However, the average percentage of attendance for the four months from September to Christmas was 96.66. Thirteen were neither absent nor tardy during that time, eight others were not absent, and thirteen more were absent but once. This regularity of attendance has done much to secure uniform, and uniformly good, work.

The average scholarship of the school may be called good, the work of some individuals is certainly excellent. Two things, one largely consequent upon the other, tend to prevent the attainment of the highest degree of scholarship possible in our school. These things are too much social distraction, to which I have referred in previous reports, and the consequent failure to do the necessary amount of home-study.

The amount of work required by law, and the entrance requirements of the colleges and normal schools, are such that our scholars cannot do satisfactorily the work of the High school without giving more or less time each day to home-work. The amount of time that should be given to this work must necessarily vary considerably with different scholars,



but no student in our school can do the work we are trying to do without some home-study every day. Under the present arrangement of one session, abundant opportunity is given for this work, and it should be done regularly. Almost without exception, those who do the least amount of home-study are those who need to do most. Without some home restraint and pressure in this direction, many scholars will fail to do this necessary work, and consequently they, individually, and the school, in general, suffer thereby. Our school is not essentially different in this particular from other schools; it is, I believe, our privilege, with the hearty co-operation of the parents, to make it distinctively superior.

The school is fairly well supplied with working equipment, however, additional maps, apparatus and reference books would be greatly appreciated.

The decorations to our rooms have received material additions by gifts of pictures, which I wish to acknowledge, from each of the following: Dr. F. E. Sweetsir, Miss Grace G. Newhall, Girls' Club, Class of 1903.

We have abundant reason to be gratified with the work of the school in the past; we have even greater reasons to be hopeful for the future. Excellent spirit prevails, there is a high average of ability in the school, and a commendable ambition is displayed in the work. I believe the school was never in better condition than now, and the prospects for the future are certainly gratifying.

In conclusion I wish to say that the teachers greatly appreciate the courteous and willing spirit of the pupils, and the helpful sympathy and co-operation of parents and school officials.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CUTTS.

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

---

To the Superintendent of Schools, Merrimac :

I herewith submit to you my report of the progress in Music for the year now ending.

Although conditions differed somewhat from those in previous years, at the beginning of the September term, yet good progress has been made.

Special attention has been given to individual work, in ear-training and sight-reading. This plan has already yielded good results, and quite an interest is manifested among the pupils. The teachers realize the benefit derived from such a course, and are doing very satisfactory work in that direction.

In nearly every class we find pupils deficient in musical perception. I would have them listen while the class sing; this method affords them a better opportunity for mental conception than if they were singing. This often brings satisfactory results. I believe that every pupil should be attentive during the music period, for the tendency of vocal music is to cultivate the feelings, and its influence is refining.

We encourage soft singing in the lower grades that the children's voices may be more true and sweet. All recognize the fact that a well-rounded, rich-toned musical voice is to be desired, and all training should be in that line.

We have done something in written work, throughout all the grades, such as writing scales in all the keys, short phrases, sometimes a melody.

The High school is doing good work, the pupils are attentive and responsive. We all appreciate the generous response of the committee to a request, asking for a music reader adapted to this grade, which we are using, (The Beacon Series, Coll. No. 2). The music is of a high order and we enjoy it very much. Unfortunately this school gets no drill, excepting when the Supervisor visits the school but once a week.

I express my thanks to the teachers for their efficient help in bringing the work up to the present standard; I also thank the School Board for their official support; to you, Mr. Superintendent, for your helpfulness and courtesy at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

M. EVA ROBINSON,

Supervisor of Music.

January 12, 1904.

---

#### REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

---

Mr. Geo. E. Chickering, Superintendent of Schools:

Your Truant Officer reports sixteen visits during the year ending January 31, 1904.

Most respectfully yours,

S. SCOFIELD.

Merrimac, Mass., January 15th, 1904.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

---

To the Superintendent of Schools :

The work done in the primary and grammar grades since my last report has been most satisfactory. The pupils are capable of doing more advanced work than those in the same grade in other towns of the size.

In accordance with my suggestion, the work in the High school has been somewhat changed. The school is divided into two classes as before. Drawing is required of the entering class. A class in mechanical drawing was formed at the beginning of the school year, to which any pupil might belong if it did not conflict with other work.

By omitting my visits to the Birch Meadow and Bear Hill schools I have been able to spend an hour and twenty minutes each week at the High school. This is double the time that I have given to the work in previous years. The time is divided equally between the two classes.

Outlines and suggestions have been sent to the schools where visits have been discontinued so that the work has not been altogether neglected. The change has, so far as tried, proved to be for the best. The High school pupils make much better progress when the lessons are more frequent, and the work counts for more there than in the ungraded schools.

Last year I asked for a small appropriation with which to purchase material for making groups. I wish to repeat my request.

I take this occasion to thank the teachers and all those who have helped me in my work for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

January 16.

MAUDE H. ROSE.



# LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Merrimac :

| 1903. | DR.                                    |       |          |
|-------|--|-------|----------|
|       | To balance on hand as per last report, | \$186 | 55       |
| Mar.  | Cash from sale of lot,                 | 20    | 00       |
| Apr.  | " " " lot,                             | 25    | 00       |
|       | " " " lot,                             | 25    | 00       |
| May   | " " " trees,                           | 12    | 00       |
|       | " " " mowing lots,                     | 50    |          |
| July  | " " " lot,                             | 25    | 00       |
| Oct.  | " " " wood,                            | 26    | 50       |
| Dec.  | " " " lot,                             | 25    | 00       |
|       | " " " hay,                             | 29    | 42       |
|       | " " " chopping blocks,                 | 75    |          |
| Jan.  | " " " lot,                             | 25    | 00       |
|       |  |       |          |
|       |  |       | \$400 72 |

| 1903. | CR.  |     |    |
|-------|--|-----|----|
| Apr.  | Cash paid Lovell & Co., salt,                | \$  | 50 |
|       | " " T. C. Thurlow,                           | 9   | 50 |
| 6     | Deposit in Merrimac Savings Bank,            | 150 | 00 |
|       | Cash paid Wm. Emerson & Son, crushed stone,  | 17  | 60 |
|       | " " Z. Lovell & Co.,                         | 1   | 74 |
|       | " " E. Ransom, labor,                        | 1   | 14 |
|       | " " Geo. W. Sargent, sawing logs,            | 75  |    |
|       | " " Wm. Emerson & Son, dressing and logging, | 2   | 00 |
|       | " " Messrs. Gorden and Kittredge,            | 3   | 30 |
|       | " " Wm. Morrow, labor on trees, etc.,        | 17  | 50 |

|               |  |       |           |
|---------------|--|-------|-----------|
|               | Cash paid I. Pendergast, team,   | \$ 75 |           |
|               | “ “ Geo. A. Grant, labor,  | 1 90  |           |
|               | “ “ T. Grant, labor on trees,  | 18 50 |           |
|               | “ “ A. N. McDonnell, labor on<br>trees,  | 13 20 |           |
|               | “ “ Owen Burke, labor on trees,  | 2 00  |           |
|               | “ “ E. Ransom, labor on trees,   | 1 40  |           |
|               | “ “ I. Pendergast, team,   | 3 00  |           |
|               | “ “ Story & Co., powder, etc.,   | 78    |           |
|               | “ “ Mr. Crofut, labor,   | 1 00  |           |
|               | “ “ W. W. Lydston, tools,  | 1 10  |           |
|               | “ “ Arthur Trefethen, labor,   | 1 95  |           |
| May           | “ “ T. Grant, labor on roads,  | 8 00  |           |
|               | “ “ Wm. Morrow, labor on roads,  | 9 60  |           |
|               | “ “ A. N. McDonnell, labor on<br>roads,  | 6 00  |           |
|               | “ “ I. Pendergast, team,   | 3 00  |           |
| Aug.          | “ “ J. T. Crosby, haying,  | 11 20 |           |
|               | “ “ T. Grant, haying,  | 10 30 |           |
|               | “ “ Geo. A. Grant, haying,   | 4 50  |           |
| Oct.          | “ “ T. Grant, repairing gutters,<br>etc.,  | 3 00  |           |
| Nov.          | “ “ E. L. Hopkins, labor,  | 1 43  |           |
|               | “ “ For 3 inch locust stakes,  | 75    |           |
|               | “ “ Horse and cart, 8 hours,   | 1 00  |           |
| 1904.<br>Jan. | “ “ Trustees, express, postage, sta-<br>tionery, secretary's work<br>on records, deeds, and<br>miscellaneous expenses, | 7 00  |           |
|               | Deposit in Merrimac Savings Bank,  | 50 00 |           |
|               | Deposit in First National Bank,  | 35 33 |           |
|               |  | <hr/> | \$400. 72 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. LARKIN, }  
 C. E. ROWELL, } Trustees.  
 CHAS. A. LANCASTER, }

## Trustees' Report of Funds for Perpetual Care of Lots by the Town.

---

Under Massachusetts Laws, Revised Statutes, 1902, Chap. 78, Sec. 24.

---

### OF CEMETERIES AND BURIALS.

A town in which Cemetery Commissioners or Trustees are chosen may receive gifts or bequests for maintaining cemeteries or cemetery lots, which shall be paid into the town treasury of said town and with the accounts thereof, shall be kept separate from the other money and accounts of said town; the town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any accompany them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by the Selectmen and Commissioners or Trustees, and pay the income therefrom upon their order, or with their approval.

---

Eliza M. Sawyer fund, for the care of the  
T. C. Sawyer lot in Church Street Ceme-  
tery, \$114.00, deposited in Merrimac Savings  
Bank, Sept. 18, 1902.

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| Income to October 21, 1903,  | \$4 00 |        |
| Geo. A. Grant, for care of lot for 1903, paid by<br>Town Treasurer by order of the Selectmen<br>and Cemetery Trustees, | 1 50   |        |
| Available balance,   | \$2 50 | \$2 50 |

Emily S. Goodwin fund for care of Patten Sar-  
gent lot in Lower Main Street Cemetery,  
\$250.00, deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank,  
Jan. 6th, 1903, by executor of her will.

|                             |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Income to October 21, 1903, | \$6 59 |        |
| Available balance,          |        | \$6 59 |

The care of this lot has not been paid for.



John L. and Sophia A. Merrill fund for the care of family lot in Church Street Cemetery, \$200.00, deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, Aug. 26, 1903, by order of heirs, by the executor of estate.

A record of the above and other cases will be kept by the Trustees.

GEO. G. LARKIN, Supt., }  
C. E. ROWELL, } Trustees.  
CHAS. A. LANCASTER, }

---

## CHURCH AND LOWER MAIN STREET CEMETERIES.

---

### TRUSTEES REPORT.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac :

|       |  |       |         |
|-------|--|-------|---------|
| 1903. | DR.  |       |         |
| July  | To cash received for wood,                     | 7 00  |         |
|       | To cash received for hay,                      | 30 00 |         |
|       | To cash received for lot, Church street,       | 8 00  |         |
|       |  | <hr/> | \$45 00 |
|       | CR.  |       |         |
|       | By cash paid Clifton B. Heath, town treasurer, |       | \$45 00 |

---

CR.

### MEMORANDUM.

|       |   |        |
|-------|---|--------|
| April | T. Grant, labor on trees and wall,      | \$7 10 |
|       | J. J. Woodman, labor on trees and wall, | 7 60   |

|          |   |         |         |
|----------|---|---------|---------|
| July     | J. T. Crosby, haying,                       | \$ 4 35 |         |
|          | T. Grant, haying,                           | 11 40   |         |
|          | Geo. A. Grant, haying,                      | 6 70    |         |
|          | A. N. McDonald, haying,                     | 4 40    |         |
| Aug.     | T. Grant, haying,                           | 7 40    |         |
|          | Wm. Emerson, haying,                        | 1 50    |         |
| Jan. '04 | Secretary, weighing hay two years,          | 90      |         |
|          | Cash, Order Record Book,                    | 1 00    |         |
|          | Cash, repairing plan of Church street lots, | 75      |         |
|          | Stamps, stationery, clerical work, etc.,    | 6 00    |         |
|          |   | <hr/>   | \$59 10 |

DR.

To Selectmen's order on Town Treasurer, \$59 10

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. LARKIN,  
C. E. ROWELL,  
CHAS. A. LANCASTER, } Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS  
OF MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT.

---

MERRIMAC, MASS., Feb. 1st, 1904.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac :

The Board of Engineers submit the following report for the year ending on this date.

There have been five alarms.

March 19th, 1903, the alarm was rung in from Box 12 for fire on Grove street in the storehouse of the H. M. Howe carriage shop. Cause unknown. Loss (\$500) five hundred dollars. Insurance (\$400) four hundred dollars. Isaac Pendergast's loss on contents stored in the building was (\$900) nine hundred dollars; insurance (\$300) three hundred dollars. Loss of H. O. Delano, twenty dollars (\$20); no insurance. Loss on building of John E. Currier, (\$150); no insurance. Loss on building of Robert Farra, (\$25.00); no insurance.

July 4th, 1903, false alarm.

September 3d, 1903, an alarm was sent in from Box 13 at 6.05 o'clock a. m., for fire in the carriage factory of the Walker Carriage Co., corner of Main and Liberty streets. On arriving at the fire the engineers immediately sent in a second alarm calling the Merrimacport company, and owing to the danger to surrounding property, and feeling we might not be able to subdue the fire with the limited means which we have

to do with, we immediately called for help from Haverhill and Amesbury. Chief Gordon of Haverhill responded in quick time with a steamer and hose wagon and several men and rendered valuable assistance. Chief Manning of Amesbury responded with a hose wagon and several men, but owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the state road being impassable, did not bring the steamer, but his men took hold and did good work. When we sent to Chief Gordon and Chief Manning for their bills they notified us that we were welcome to what they had done. Therefore we returned to them a vote of thanks in behalf of the citizens of the town of Merrimac. Damage to the building was (\$6,700); insurance (\$5,000); damage to contents (\$18,900), insurance (\$21,500); The fire started in the blacksmith shop around a forge. Owing to the good, hard and faithful manner in which the firemen worked and the willingness with which the citizens took hold and helped we were able to subdue the fire with comparatively small loss considering the dangerous location of the fire.

November 12th, 1903, an alarm was rung in from Box 13 at 2.45 o'clock a. m., for fire on the Birch Meadow road in the building owned and occupied by Moses W. Thompson in which the house and barn were destroyed with the contents of the barn. Damage to buildings (\$7,000); insurance (\$2,650). Value of contents (\$5,500); insurance (\$2,400). Cause unknown.

November 10th, 1903, an alarm was rung in for burglars.

The fire apparatus consists of one steam fire engine, hose wagon, hook and ladder truck, hand engine and hose reel, and seven chemicals which are all in good condition and excellent working order.

We have purchased two Underwriter fire extinguishers of regular fire department size, No. 7, and placed them on the



truck, and placed one of the Star extinguishers at Merrimacport as they only had one.

We have had the hook and ladder truck, of which the two long sills were broken, repaired and braces put on the ladder rollers and we now consider the truck in good condition and stronger than ever.

We have had 250 feet of unserviceable hose repaired which now gives us 3,450 feet of hose. We have also purchased 12 new spanner belts for hosemen.

We have put in a new stove in the basement under the steamer as the old one was all falling to pieces, caused by water and dampness which collects in the basement every spring, and owing to the long and severe cold season which we have had we think it lucky that we did, as we would have been unable to keep the steamer from freezing up with one stove.

We regret to say that the extensive repairs on the steamer amounting to \$38.90, spoken of in last year's report had to be paid out of this year's appropriation.

On account of repairs which we were forced to make on buildings we have been obliged to overdraw. We have had a new gravel roof put on, repaired the hose tower and put in new sills under the front and one side of the building, and repaired the concrete which had to be torn up. The sills were completely rotted away and it is a miracle how they stood the strain as long as they did.

The buildings are badly in need of repair and should be repaired just as soon as possible as it is poor economy to let the buildings go to pieces for the want of repair and as the surplus which we may have left, if any, from our regular appropriation is so small it would take a number of years to put them in any kind of condition. Therefore we hope that the citizens of the town will grant us the request for a small ap-



propriation for repairing the buildings, which we ask for in the town warrant. Knowing that perhaps two-thirds of the citizens of the town do not know the condition of the buildings, we extend to one and all a cordial invitation to visit the engine house, look it over, and we think you will be convinced and agree with us that something ought to be done and done without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| ANGUS McINNIS, Chief,             | } Engineers. |
| J. W. BRADY, 1st Asst. and Clerk, |              |
| LORENZO BLAISDELL, 2d Asst.       |              |

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

---

### BIRTHS.

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Number of births returned,             | 26 |
| Males,                                 | 11 |
| Females,                               | 15 |
| Fathers native born,                   | 18 |
| Mothers native born,                   | 15 |
| Fathers and mothers both native born,  | 15 |
| Fathers and mothers both foreign born, | 8  |

---

### MARRIAGES.

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of Marriages recorded,                     | 17 |
| First marriage of groom,                          | 16 |
| First marriage of bride,                          | 16 |
| Grooms native born,                               | 17 |
| Brides native born,                               | 15 |
| Average age of groom 33 years, 21 days.           |    |
| Average age of bride 25 years, 7 months, 21 days. |    |

## DEATHS.

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Number of Deaths returned, | 30 |
| Males,                     | 9  |
| Females,                   | 21 |
| Under 5 years,             | 3  |
| Males native born,         | 6  |
| Females, native born,      | 17 |
| Of native parentage,       | 19 |
| Of foreign parentage,      | 10 |
| Of mixed parentage,        | 1  |

---

DOGS.

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Number of dogs licensed,                   | 71 |
| Males,           68               Females, | 3  |

BAILEY SARGENT,

Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

---

During the past year the work of the Tree Warden has been carried on in the same lines as the previous years. The necessary work of trimming shade trees has been attended to and in addition to the regular necessary expenditures in this department your Tree Warden wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of \$15 from a public spirited lady resident for permanent improvements in this line. A number of trees have been set out during the year and with a small appropriation each year for this work much could be accomplished which would not only replace any trees which may die out from time to time but in future years would add much to the beauty of the town.

The total expense of this department for the year has been \$62.50.

Respectfully,

GILBERT G. DAVIS,

Tree Warden.

## POLICE REPORT.

---

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen—I herewith submit the annual report of the Police department for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1904 :

Number of arrests, 7

CHARGED AS FOLLOWS :

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Assault,                    | 1   |
| Drunkenness,                | 2   |
| Drunk and disorderly,       | 1   |
| Intimidating,               | 1   |
| Liquor with intent to sell, | 1   |
| Insane person,              | 1   |
|                             | — 7 |
| Number of lodgers,          | 57  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. NIXON,

Chief of Police.

---

## SARGENT HALL.

---

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen—The report of Sargent Hall is as follows :—

From January 31, 1903, to January 31, 1904, Sargent Hall has been opened 29 times.

Received for rent of hall, \$95 25

Paid Town Treasurer, \$95 25

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS PARKIN,

Janitor.

Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 31, 1904.



# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY.

---

To the Board of Selectmen :

In presenting the 28th annual report of the Merrimac Public Library the Trustees do so with the hope that the library is managed to the satisfaction of all, and that it is a source of benefit as well as pleasure to its patrons.

The books are in good condition and none have been lost during the year ; the cost per book in circulation is small compared to other Libraries in the State ; more interest seems to have been taken in the Library during the past year than for several years, and your Trustees hope to still further increase the interest, and can do so only by furnishing popular, useful and instructive books.

The Library has been opened during the year 98 times, which is four times more than usual, the Trustees having decided it wise to open the rooms one day each week during August, which has not been done for some years.

A total of 9,096 volumes have been put in circulation, an increase of about 450 over last year, the average delivery was 93, and the largest for any one day 170.

The following is the monthly delivery :—

| 1903.     |     | 1903.          |       |
|-----------|-----|----------------|-------|
| February, | 875 | August,        | 449   |
| March,    | 822 | September,     | 650   |
| April,    | 871 | October,       | 836   |
| May,      | 757 | November,      | 747   |
| June,     | 672 | December,      | 790   |
| July,     | 577 | January, 1904, | 1,050 |

There have been added to the Library during the year 154 volumes; by the Trustees, 113; presented by Gilbert H. Montague, 1; by First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Haverhill, 1; by N. E. Historical Society, 21; by Commonwealth and U. S. Government, 18; also a file of the Merrimac Budget for 1903.

Thanks to Congressman A. P. Gardner the Congressional Record is still on file at the Reading Room.

If we are to keep up the growing interest in the Library we would respectfully ask for the usual appropriation.

CHAS. W. SAWYER,  
JAMES F. PEASE,  
HERBERT O. DELANO,  
GEORGE E. RICKER,  
W. B. SARGENT,  
THOS. H. HOYT,  
Trustees.

HERBERT O. DELANO, Secretary.

---

### MEMORANDUM.

---

|         |                                    |       |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Feb. 3. | Cash on hand,                      | \$ 45 |
|         | Due from town of Merrimac for rent |       |
|         | one year of the Whittier house,    | 48 00 |
|         | Unpaid bills,                      | 47 54 |

H. O. DELANO, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.

---

CLIFTON B. HEATH, Treasurer, in account with the Merri-  
mac Public Library.

DR.

|                        |        |          |
|------------------------|--------|----------|
| To Balance,            | \$3 04 |          |
| Town Appropriation,    | 500 00 |          |
| Special Appropriation, | 57 96  |          |
| Sale of catalogues,    | 1 80   |          |
| Sale of cards,         | 70     |          |
| Fines,                 | 19 98  |          |
|                        | <hr/>  | \$583 48 |

CR.

|                                    |          |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By Books and Magazines,            | \$201 77 |          |
| Librarian's salary,                | 200 00   |          |
| Binding books,                     | 30 43    |          |
| Printing,                          | 9 00     |          |
| Express and freight,               | 12 00    |          |
| Repairs on Whittier house,         | 19 84    |          |
| Library supplies,                  | 1 00     |          |
| Sargent Coal Co., 1903,            | 28 25    |          |
| Sargent Coal Co., 1904,            | 24 50    |          |
| Smith & Anthony, furnace,          | 43 55    |          |
| Mrs. Bushong, cleaning rooms,      | 2 00     |          |
| Zenas Lovell and others, supplies, | 9 59     |          |
| N. L. Howe, labor on awning,       | 1 10     |          |
| Cash on hand,                      | 45       |          |
|                                    | <hr/>    | \$583 48 |

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON B. HEATH, Treasurer.

# REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

---

To the Selectmen of Merrimac :

Gentlemen :—The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures is as follows :

From December 1, 1902 to January 1, 1903,

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Glass jars sealed, | 104 |
|--------------------|-----|

From January 1, 1903 to January 1, 1904,

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Glass jars sealed, | 54 <sup>6</sup> |
|--------------------|-----------------|

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Tin measures and cans, | 7 |
|------------------------|---|

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Scales, (all kinds) | 24 |
|---------------------|----|

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| Weights, | 58 |
|----------|----|

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Received for sealing scales, | \$11 23 |
|------------------------------|---------|

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Paid Clifton B. Heath, Town Treasurer, | \$11 23 |
|--|---------|

EDWARD WYMAN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

---

## TOWN OFFICERS.

---

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| E. D. George, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,  | \$215 00 |
| A. M. Colby, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,   | 125 00   |
| R. H. Sargent, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor, | 125 00   |
| J. S. Clement, collector of taxes,                           | 300 00   |
| T. H. Hoyt, school committee, 1902,                          | 55 00    |
| F. E. Sweetsir, school committee, 1902 and 1903,             | 105 00   |
| S. D. Ashley, school committee, 1902 and 1903,               | 100 00   |
| C. A. Lancaster, school committee, 1903,                     | 50 00    |
| A. S. Nixon, chief of police,                                | 175 00   |
| A. S. Nixon, night watchman,                                 | 411 20   |
| D. C. Bunker, special police,                                | 25 00    |
| D. F. Tibbetts, special police,                              | 29 50    |
| F. O. Bailey, special police,                                | 25 00    |
| C. B. Heath, treasurer,                                      | 75 00    |
| Bailey Sargent, town clerk,                                  | 50 00    |
| Bailey Sargent, registrar,                                   | 30 00    |
| J. T. Locke, registrar,                                      | 15 00    |
| F. F. Philbrick, registrar,                                  | 15 00    |
| C. E. Rowell, registrar,                                     | 15 00    |
| J. J. Woodman, cattle inspector,                             | 50 00    |
| F. O. Davis, auditor, 1902,                                  | 25 00    |
| E. Wyman, sealer of weights and measures,                    | 17 50    |
| W. E. Dalrymple, special police, July 3, 4, 5,               | 5 00     |



|  |        |            |
|--|--------|------------|
| E. F. Goodwin, watchman, July 4,               | \$2 00 |            |
| George E. Ricker, moderator at annual meeting, | 5 00   |            |
| E. G. Bly, moderator at two special meetings,  | 6 00   |            |
| T. L. Goodwin, election officer,               | 3 00   |            |
| William Greeley, " "                           | 6 00   |            |
| C. E. Drew, " "                                | 3 00   |            |
| C. B. Heath, " "                               | 3 00   |            |
| T. W. Keough, " "                              | 3 00   |            |
| A. W. Colby, " "                               | 6 00   |            |
| G. B. Patten, " "                              | 6 00   |            |
| Albert Parker, " "                             | 3 00   |            |
| E. D. George, " "                              | 3 00   |            |
| A. M. Colby, " "                               | 3 00   |            |
| R. H. Sargent, " "                             | 3 00   |            |
|  | <hr/>  | \$2,093 20 |

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Appropriation,                               | \$1,600 00 |            |
| Due from State, account of cattle inspector, | 25 00      |            |
| *Overdrawn,                                  | 468 20     |            |
|  | <hr/>      | \$2,093 20 |

---

\*Overdraw caused by the School Committee salaries for 1902 paid out of this year's appropriation, and no appropriation for Night Watchman.

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

---

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Geo. E. Chickering, Superintendent,                   | \$312 50 |
| C. W. Cutts, Superintendent,                          | 100 00   |
| C. W. Cutts, Principal,                               | 1,200 00 |
| M. A. Dow, Assistant,                                 | 437 50   |
| Marion Woodward, Assistant,                           | 200 00   |
| Susanna I. Sayre, Assistant,                          | 200 00   |
| H. M. Vaughan, first grammar,                         | 237 50   |
| E. J. Whittemore, first grammar,                      | 237 50   |
| Lilla M. Phelps, second grammar,                      | 427 50   |
| Mary Head, third grammar,                             | 403 75   |
| L. Pearl French, first intermediate,                  | 190 00   |
| M. W. Smith, first intermediate,                      | 356 25   |
| Annie F. Dodge, second intermediate,                  | 200 00   |
| Etta H. Colby, first primary,                         | 136 00   |
| Hattie A. Baxter, first primary and Bear Hill,        | 340 25   |
| Blanche Cunningham, second primary, Middle<br>street, | 380 00   |
| Emma M. Ramsey, second primary, Prospect<br>street,   | 90 00    |
| Mary L. Brown, second primary, Prospect<br>street,    | 80 00    |
| Mae Magoon, second primary, Prospect street,          | 40 00    |
| Myrtle Colson, primary at Port,                       | 136 00   |
| S. S. Alley, second primary, Prospect street,         | 130 00   |
| Sadie C. Haskins, second primary, Prospect<br>street, | 30 00    |
| Judith Rowell, substitute,                            | 10 00    |
| M. A. Sawyer, substitute,                             | 80 00    |
| Gertrude Hamlin, Bear Hill,                           | 157 50   |
| Etta McKeigue, Bear Hill,                             | 8 00     |
| Nettie J. Spofford, Birch Meadow,                     | 142 50   |

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Annie L. Hosford, Birch Meadow,   | \$142 50 |
| Maude H. Rose, drawing,   | 200 00   |
| M. Eva Robinson, music,   | 179 18   |
| S. Scofield, janitor at Centre,   | 225 00   |
| Frank Trefethen, janitor at Middle street,                                  | 225 00   |
| Mrs. E. Wheland, janitor at Prospect street,                                | 76 00    |
| Mrs. Ellen Sargent, janitor at Port,  | 48 00    |
| C. B. Martin, janitor at Bear Hill,   | 38 00    |
| Nettie J. Spofford, janitor at Birch Meadow,                                | 14 25    |
| Annie L. Hosford, janitor at Birch Meadow,                                  | 14 25    |
| G. G. Davis, conveyance,  | 175 00   |
| Ginn & Co., supplies,   | 118 31   |
| C. F. Winchester, “   | 45 99    |
| D. C. Heath & Co., “  | 65 89    |
| J. L. Hammett Co., “  | 59 25    |
| Silver, Burdett & Co., “  | 59 91    |
| C. Howard Hunt, “   | 7 00     |
| Milton Bradley Co., “   | 1 99     |
| Educational Pub. Co., “   | 1 52     |
| C. W. Cuttis, “   | 10 06    |
| Merrimac Budget, “  | 44 08    |
| I. B. Little Co., “   | 36 70    |
| Howard & Brown, “   | 7 02     |
| J. F. Barnard & Co., “  | 22 08    |
| American Book Co., “  | 60 36    |
| George F. King & Co., “   | 21 51    |
| Allyn & Bacon, “  | 1 67     |
| Hanscom Hardware Co., “   | 7 75     |
| Thompson, Brown & Co., “  | 9 21     |
| Wadsworth, Howland & Co., “   | 6 85     |
| A. W. Hastings, “   | 4 75     |
| E. E. Babb & Co., “   | 2 69     |
| Kenney Bros. & Warkin, desks,   | 137 20   |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal,   | 685 52   |
| John B. Heath, wood,  | 11 63    |
| I. M. Gould, wood,  | 3 75     |
| George W. Sargent, wood,  | 27 00    |
| Bailey Sargent, insurance on Prospect street<br>school house and furniture, | 90 00    |
| D. B. Wright, stock and labor,  | 3 75     |

|   |        |             |
|---|--------|-------------|
| C. A. Lancaster, towels,  | \$2 50 |             |
| H. C. Manning, cleaning and repairing clocks,                                     | 4 50   |             |
| W. W. Lydston, two stoves, supplies and labor,                                    | 149 92 |             |
| W. F. Powers, graduation address,   | 10 00  |             |
| S. Scofield, painting and cleaning school-house,                                  | 57 25  |             |
| S. Scofield, taking school census,  | 15 00  |             |
| S. Scofield, expressage and caning chairs,  | 3 21   |             |
| S. Scofield, truant officer,  | 8 00   |             |
| S. Scofield, freight and C. E. Williams' bill,                                    | 7 58   |             |
| C. A. Stevens, cleaning grounds and vault,  | 16 25  |             |
| J. A. Lancaster & Co., lead and oil,  | 19 90  |             |
| R. E. Farrar, painting Prospect street school-house,                              | 49 21  |             |
| W. E. Shey, painting Centre and Bear Hill school-houses,                          | 30 00  |             |
| Mrs. E. Wheland, cleaning Prospect street school-house,                           | 15 00  |             |
| Charles Martin, cleaning Bear Hill school-house,                                  | 3 00   |             |
| Ellen Sargent, cleaning Port school-house,  | 8 00   |             |
| J. E. Currier, lumber,  | 12 26  |             |
| F. H. Trefethen, cleaning Middle street school-house, stock and labor on repairs, | 54 00  |             |
| C. W. Chapman, stock and labor,   | 35 09  |             |
| William Morrow, labor,  | 6 00   |             |
| J. C. Libby, labor on Bear Hill school-house,                                     | 7 65   |             |
| F. C. Williams, stock and labor,  | 4 55   |             |
| Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,   | 16 06  |             |
| H. H. Story, supplies,  | 56     |             |
| A. P. Marden, tuning piano,   | 2 00   |             |
| F. E. Sweetsir, stove for Superintendent's room,                                  | 12 00  |             |
| Little & Co., supplies,   | 2 75   |             |
|   | <hr/>  | \$9,705 61  |
| *Unexpended,  |        | 1,101 37    |
|   |        | <hr/>       |
|   |        | \$10,806 98 |

\*The Massachusetts School Fund amounting to \$779.86 was received just as the books were being closed and will be held by the Town Treasurer subject to the order of the School Committee, in accordance with Chapter 456 of the Acts of 1903.

|  |                   |             |
|--|-------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation,                                 | \$8,525 00        |             |
| Superintendent of schools,                     | 375 00            |             |
| Conveyance of pupils,                          | 200 00            |             |
| Received from State, education State children, | 181 00            |             |
| State, superintendent,                         | 625 00            |             |
| D. W. Gould, fence,                            | 9 36              |             |
| H. Evans, apples,                              | 2 00              |             |
| Fire Department, wood,                         | 2 25              |             |
| Dog tax,                                       | 107 51            |             |
| State, Mass. school fund,                      | 779 86            |             |
|  | <u>          </u> | \$10,806 98 |

---

### COURT FEES.

---

|                          |                   |          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Received from the Court, | \$133 00          |          |
| Paid A. S. Nixon,        | 26 20             |          |
| Unexpended,              | <u>          </u> | \$106 80 |
| No appropriation.        |                   |          |

---

### MEMORIAL DAY.

---

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Paid C. A. Bridges, | \$75 00 |
| Appropriation,      | \$75 00 |



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

---

### PAY ROLL FOR APRIL.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| G. G. Davis, 134 hours at .22 1-2           | \$30 15  |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 70 hours at .30   | 21 00    |
| G. G. Davis, team 129 hours at .10          | 12 90    |
| G. G. Davis, pick and twine                 | 60       |
| Charles Heath, 10 hours at .20              | 2 00     |
| J. Jackson, 5 hours at .20                  | 1 00     |
| J. Crosby, 3 1-2 hours at .20               | 70       |
| Harry Blaisdell, 135 1-2 hours at .20       | 27 10    |
| E. F. Goodwin, 161 hours at .20             | 32 20    |
| J. D. Jones, 131 hours at .20               | 26 20    |
| D. Stevens, 45 hours at .20                 | 9 00     |
| M. Blotner, 11 hours at .20                 | 2 20     |
| J. J. Woodman, 43 hours at .20              | 8 60     |
| Will Stevens, 10 hours at .20               | 2 00     |
| George E. Kittredge, 59 hours at .20        | 11 80    |
| W. White, 9 hours at .20                    | 1 80     |
| W. W. Sargent, 120 hours at .20             | 24 00    |
| W. S. Sargent, 45 1-2 hours at .20          | 9 10     |
| J. Doyle, 3 1-2 hours at .20                | 70       |
| M. Stevens, 7 1-2 hours at .20              | 1 50     |
| R. H. Sargent and team, 146 hours at .40    | 58 40    |
| W. H. Emerson and team, 76 hours at .40     | 30 40    |
| M. W. Thompson and team, 90 hours at .40    | 36 00    |
| C. E. Hoyt and team, 66 hours at .40        | 26 40    |
| E. C. Little and team, 65 hours at .40      | 26 00    |
| L. B. Blaisdell and team, 106 hours at .40  | 42 40    |
| E. W. Roberts, paving crossings and gutters | 18 81    |
|   | \$462 96 |

## PAY ROLL FOR MAY.

|   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| G. G. Davis, 114 hours at .22 1-2           | \$25 65 |        |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 60 hours at .30   | 18 00   |        |
| G. G. Davis, team 73 hours at .10           | 7 30    |        |
| Wm. Morrow, 28 hours at .20                 | 5 60    |        |
| D. C. Bunker, 93 1-2 hours at .20           | 18 70   |        |
| J. D. Jones, 33 1-2 hours at .20            | 6 70    |        |
| George E. Kittredge, 113 1-2 hours at .20   | 22 70   |        |
| W. W. Sargent, 20 hours at .20              | 4 00    |        |
| Harry Blaisdell, 61 1-2 hours at .20        | 12 30   |        |
| E. F. Goodwin, 122 1-2 hours at .20         | 24 50   |        |
| R. H. Sargent and team, 53 1-2 hours at .40 | 21 40   |        |
|   | <hr/>   | 166 85 |

## PAY ROLL FOR JUNE

|   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| G. G. Davis, 99 hours at .22 1-2            | \$22 28 |        |
| G. G. Davis, team and man, 116 hours at .30 | 34 80   |        |
| G. G. Davis, team 42 hours at .10           | 4 20    |        |
| George Brown, 20 hours at .20               | 4 00    |        |
| R. H. Sargent, 10 hours at .20              | 2 00    |        |
| J. D. Jones, 19 1-2 hours at .20            | 3 90    |        |
| D. Stevens, 43 hours at .20                 | 8 60    |        |
| George Kittredge, 100 hours at .20          | 20 00   |        |
| E. F. Goodwin, 106 hours at .20             | 21 20   |        |
| Wm. Morrow, 33 1-2 hours at .20             | 6 70    |        |
| J. J. Woodman, 15 hours at .20              | 3 00    |        |
| W. W. Sargent, 5 hours at .20               | 1 00    |        |
| M. Connor, 11 1-2 hours at .20              | 2 30    |        |
| L. B. Blaisdell, 8 hours at .20             | 1 60    |        |
| L. B. Blaisdell and team, 10 hours at .40   | 4 00    |        |
| W. H. Emerson and team, 35 hours at .40     | 14 00   |        |
| R. H. Sargent and team, 10 hours at .40     | 4 00    |        |
|   | <hr/>   | 157 58 |

## PAY ROLL FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| G. G. Davis, 67 hours at .22 1-2           | \$15 08 |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 118 hours at .30 | 35 40   |
| G. G. Davis, team 22 hours at .10          | 2 20    |
| George Brown, 53 hours at .20              | 10 60   |
| T. Grant, 15 hours at .20                  | 3 00    |
| F. L. Heath, 10 hours at .20               | 2 00    |

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

57

|  |        |          |
|--|--------|----------|
| J. D. Jones, 30 hours at .20           | \$6 00 |          |
| E. F. Goodwin, 44 hours at .20         | 8 80   |          |
| George Kittredge, 76 1-2 hours at .20  | 15 30  |          |
| D. Stevens, 69 hours at .20            | 13 80  |          |
| J. Flynn, 13 hours at .20              | 2 60   |          |
| Mrs. Hughes, 11 loads of gravel at .10 | 1 10   |          |
| G. G. Davis, 4 posts                   | 67     |          |
|  | <hr/>  | \$116 55 |

## PAY ROLL FOR SEPTEMBER.

|   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| G. G. Davis, 145 hours at .22 1-2         | \$32 63 |        |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 69 hours at .30 | 20 70   |        |
| G. G. Davis, team 40 hours at .10         | 4 00    |        |
| E. F. Goodwin, 180 hours at .20           | 36 00   |        |
| Harry Golin, 24 hours at .20              | 4 80    |        |
| J. D. Jones, 62 hours at .20              | 12 40   |        |
| George Kittredge, 184 hours at .20        | 36 80   |        |
| J. Liberty, 93 hours at .20               | 18 60   |        |
| Ed Morse, 15 hours at .20                 | 3 00    |        |
| M. Connor, 35 hours at .20                | 7 00    |        |
| D. Stevens, 7 hours at .20                | 1 40    |        |
| J. J. Woodman, 70 hours at .20            | 14 00   |        |
| J. Doyle, 28 1-2 hours at .20             | 5 70    |        |
| Wm. Morrow, 8 hours at .20                | 1 60    |        |
| L. B. Blaisdell and team, 40 hours at .40 | 16 00   |        |
| W. H. Emerson and team, 30 hours at .40   | 12 00   |        |
|   | <hr/>   | 226 63 |

## PAY ROLL FOR OCTOBER.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| G. G. Davis, 134 hours at .22 1-2             | \$30 15 |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 67 1-2 hours at .30 | 20 25   |
| G. G. Davis, team 47 hours at .10             | 4 70    |
| W. White, 9 hours at .20                      | 1 80    |
| E. F. Goodwin, 246 1-2 hours at .20           | 49 30   |
| J. D. Jones, 51 hours at .20                  | 10 20   |
| George Kittredge, 106 1-2 hours at .20        | 21 30   |
| J. J. Woodman, 103 1-2 hours at .20           | 20 70   |
| D. Stevens, 45 1-2 hours at .20               | 9 10    |
| Wm. Morrow, 89 1-2 hours at .20               | 17 90   |
| J. Flynn, 15 hours at .20                     | 3 00    |
| T. O'Brien, 20 hours at .20                   | 4 00    |
| M. Connor, 20 hours at .20                    | 4 00    |

|  |         |          |
|--|---------|----------|
| George Brown, 90 hours at .20          | \$18 00 |          |
| J. Young, 11 hours at .20              | 2 20    |          |
| J. W. Currier, 12 hours at .20         | 2 40    |          |
| Ed Morse, 32 1-2 hours at .20          | 6 50    |          |
| W. W. Sargent, 28 hours at .20         | 5 60    |          |
| E. C. Little and team, 38 hours at .40 | 15 20   |          |
| R. H. Sargent, 8 1-2 days at 2.50      | 21 25   |          |
| R. H. Sargent, 20 hours at .20         | 4 00    |          |
| R. H. Sargent, hauling brick           | 2 00    |          |
| Lester Green, labor                    | 6 00    |          |
| A. J. Currier, posts                   | 4 00    |          |
|  | <hr/>   | \$283 55 |

## PAY ROLL FOR NOVEMBER.

|   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| G. G. Davis, 76 hours at .22 1-2          | \$17 10 |        |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 44 hours at .30 | 13 20   |        |
| G. G. Davis, team 36 hours at .10         | 3 60    |        |
| J. J. Woodman, 17 hours at .20            | 3 40    |        |
| George Kittredge, 73 hours at .20         | 14 60   |        |
| Willie Stevens, 48 hours at .20           | 9 60    |        |
| George Brown, 7 1-2 hours at .20          | 1 50    |        |
| D. Stevens, 28 hours at .20               | 5 60    |        |
| E. F. Goodwin, 120 1-2 hours at .20       | 24 10   |        |
| Wm. Morrow, 63 hours at .20               | 12 60   |        |
| G. W. Sargent, 3 posts                    | 60      |        |
|   | <hr/>   | 105 90 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

|   |         |  |
|---|---------|--|
| A. H. Saltmarsh, concreting in square                           | \$50 85 |  |
| J. E. Watkins, repairs on macadam road foot<br>of Prospect hill | 58 69   |  |
| J. E. Currier, lumber and supplies                              | 24 74   |  |
| E. W. Roberts, labor on curbing                                 | 4 80    |  |
| Connor & Cavanaugh Bros., brick                                 | 10 00   |  |
| Libby Lumber & Building Co., lumber for<br>railing              | 7 50    |  |
| Hanscom Hardware Co., cement and tile                           | 18 93   |  |
| Joseph Turner, paving   | 4 00    |  |
| J. E. Muldoon, mending pipe at watering<br>trough               | 50      |  |
| M. S. Gibbs, repairing fence                                    | 2 00    |  |
| G. G. Davis, gravel   | 5 30    |  |

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

59

|                                     |                   |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| H. H. Bean & Son, cement            | 3 00              |                   |
| Z. Lovell & Co., supplies           | 3 91              |                   |
| W. W. Lydston, rake and pick handle | 80                |                   |
| D. W. Gould, girth for snow plow    | 2 00              |                   |
|                                     | <u>          </u> | 197 02            |
|                                     |                   | <u>          </u> |
|                                     |                   | \$1,717 04        |
| Appropriation,                      | \$1,500 00        |                   |
| *Overdrawn,                         | 217 04            |                   |
|                                     | <u>          </u> | \$1,717 04        |

\* Most of the overdraft was caused by a lot of extra work that had to be done in connection with the State Highway after our appropriation was nearly gone.

## SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

|  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| A. H. Saltmarsh, concreting,                 | \$192 38          |                   |
| G. G. Davis, 22 hours at .22 1-2,            | 4 95              |                   |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 20 hours at .30,   | 6 00              |                   |
| G. G. Davis, team 23 hours at .10,           | 2 30              |                   |
| Wm. Morrow, 30 hours at .20,                 | 6 00              |                   |
| D. C. Bunker, 35 hours at .20,               | 7 00              |                   |
| J. D. Jones, 36 1-2 hours at .20,            | 7 30              |                   |
| George Kittredge, 20 hours at .20,           | 4 00              |                   |
| Harry Blaisdell, 26 1-2 hours at .20,        | 5 30              |                   |
| E. F. Goodwin, 36 1-2 hours at .20,          | 7 30              |                   |
| E. F. Roberts, re-setting edge stone,        | 8 45              |                   |
| R. H. Sargent and team, 36 1-2 hours at .40, | 14 60             |                   |
|  | <u>          </u> | \$265 58          |
| Unexpended,                                  |                   | 22 92             |
|  |                   | <u>          </u> |
|  |                   | \$288 50          |
| Appropriation,                               | \$200 00          |                   |
| Due and received from abutters,              | 88 50             |                   |
|  | <u>          </u> | \$288 50          |



## SNOW AND WASHOUT.

---

### PAY ROLL FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1903.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| G. G. Davis, 96 hours at .22 1-2              | \$21 60 |
| G. G. Davis, team 107 hours at .10            | 10 70   |
| G. G. Davis, team 18 hours at .10             | 1 80    |
| Edson Walker, 1 1-2 hours at .20              | 30      |
| Edson Walker and team, 5 hours at .40         | 2 00    |
| I. M. Gould, 12 hours at .20                  | 2 40    |
| M. Blotner, 31 loads gravel at .06            | 1 86    |
| M. W. Sargent, 10 hours at .20                | 2 00    |
| Wm. Morrow, 16 hours at .20                   | 3 20    |
| L. B. Davis, 6 hours at .20                   | 1 20    |
| J. H. Foster, 16 hours at .20                 | 3 20    |
| Monroe Sargent, 2 1-2 hours at .20            | 50      |
| C. A. Stevens, 34 1-2 hours at .20            | 6 90    |
| Geo. Crofut, 13 hours at .20                  | 2 60    |
| E. F. Goodwin, 25 hours at .20                | 5 00    |
| Milhendler, 86 hours at .20                   | 17 20   |
| T. Grant, 8 1-2 hours at .20                  | 1 70    |
| R. H. Sargent and team, 23 hours at .40       | 9 20    |
| D. C. Bunker, 40 1-2 hours at .20             | 8 10    |
| Geo. E. Kittredge, 73 1-2 hours at .20        | 14 70   |
| W. H. Emerson, 3 hours at .20                 | 60      |
| W. H. Emerson and team, 15 hours at .40       | 6 00    |
| L. B. Blaisdell and team, 17 1-2 hours at .40 | 7 00    |
| Harry Blaisdell, 3 1-2 hours at .20           | 70      |
| J. Cahill, 6 1-2 hours at .20                 | 1 30    |
| F. P. Bailey, 3 1-2 hours at .20              | 70      |
| J. D. Jones, 18 1-2 hours at .20              | 3 70    |
| D. Morrison, 3 1-2 hours at .20               | 70      |
| W. White, 9 hours at .20                      | 1 80    |
| R. Sargent, 1 1-2 hours at .20                | 30      |

---

\$138 96

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

61

## PAY ROLL FOR DECEMBER, 1903.

|   |        |         |
|---|--------|---------|
| G. G. Davis, 30 hours at .22 1-2          | \$6 75 |         |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 13 hours at .30 | 3 90   |         |
| J. D. Jones, 44 hours at .20              | 8 80   |         |
| E. L. Hopkins, 3 1-2 hours at .20         | 70     |         |
| Wm. Morrow, 8 1-2 hours at .20            | 1 70   |         |
| W. W. Sargent, 14 hours at .20            | 2 80   |         |
| L. B. Davis, 10 hours at .20              | 2 00   |         |
| R. H. Sargent and team, 20 hours at .40   | 8 00   |         |
| W. H. Emerson and team, 25 hours at .40   | 10 00  |         |
| L. B. Blaisdell and team, 19 hours at .40 | 7 60   |         |
|   | <hr/>  | \$52 25 |

## PAY ROLL FOR JANUARY, 1904.

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| G. G. Davis, 106 hours at .22 1-2  | \$23 85 |
| G. G. Davis, team 82 hours at .10  | 8 20    |
| T. Monroe Sargent, 10 hours at .20 | 2 00    |
| L. Y. Stevens, 14 1-2 hours at .20 | 2 90    |
| M. Connor, 6 1-2 hours at .20      | 1 30    |
| F. Morse, 1 hour at .20            | 20      |
| L. B. Davis, 30 1-2 hours at .20   | 6 10    |
| L. Green, 3 hours at .20           | 60      |
| E. L. Hopkins, 79 hours at .20     | 15 80   |
| C. Lockwood, 8 1-2 hours at .20    | 1 70    |
| D. C. Bunker, 54 hours at .20      | 10 80   |
| E. F. Goodwin, 63 hours at .20     | 12 60   |
| H. T. Goodwin, 14 hours at .20     | 2 80    |
| G. F. Kendrick, 11 hours at .20    | 2 20    |
| C. D. Trull, 22 hours at .20       | 4 40    |
| Ed Morse, 15 hours at .20          | 3 00    |
| N. Crofut, 14 hours at .20         | 2 80    |
| M. W. Sargent, 9 hours at .20      | 1 80    |
| T. Grant, 20 hours at .20          | 4 00    |
| J. J. Woodman, 9 hours at .20      | 1 80    |
| Wm. Morrow, 71 1-2 hours at .20    | 14 30   |
| Fred Thurlow, 7 hours at .20       | 1 40    |
| W. P. Knight, 2 hours at .20       | 40      |
| H. R. Sargent, 9 hours at .20      | 1 80    |
| C. A. Stevens, 27 1-2 hours at .20 | 5 50    |
| Wm. Stevens, 15 hours at .20       | 3 00    |
| W. W. Sargent, 18 1-2 hours at .20 | 3 70    |

|   |        |          |
|---|--------|----------|
| C. Martin, 10 hours at .20                    | \$2 00 |          |
| Geo. Kittredge, 4 1-2 hours at .20            | 90     |          |
| G. W. White, 22 hours at .20                  | 4 40   |          |
| J. W. Currier, 17 hours at .20                | 3 40   |          |
| H. Blaisdell, 21 hours at .20                 | 4 20   |          |
| D. Morrison, 13 1-2 hours at .20              | 2 70   |          |
| Fred Bailey, 4 1-2 hours at .20               | 90     |          |
| H. Gilday, 6 hours at .20                     | 1 20   |          |
| D. McKay, 4 hours at .20                      | 80     |          |
| J. D. Jones, 36 1-2 hours at .20              | 7 30   |          |
| D. Willis, 8 hours at .20                     | 1 60   |          |
| W. E. Shey, 5 hours at .20                    | 1 00   |          |
| J. Flynn, 10 hours at .20                     | 2 00   |          |
| Andrew Nicol and team, 28 hours at .40        | 11 20  |          |
| L. B. Blaisdell and team, 35 1-2 hours at .40 | 14 20  |          |
| W. H. Emerson and team, 91 hours at .40       | 36 40  |          |
| W. H. Emerson, 19 hours at .20                | 3 80   |          |
| R. H. Sargent and team, 58 1-2 hours at .40   | 23 40  |          |
| E. C. Walker and team, 12 hours at .40        | 4 80   |          |
| C. E. Hoyt and team, 8 3-4 hours at .40       | 3 50   |          |
| I. M. Gould and team, 3 3-4 hours at .30      | 1 12   |          |
| I. M. Gould, 12 hours at .20                  | 2 40   |          |
| A. E. Heath and team, 17 hours at .40         | 6 80   |          |
| J. B. Heath, bill for snow plow               | 3 84   |          |
| J. H. Foster, bill                            | 5 25   |          |
| B. H. Battis, bill                            | 16 20  |          |
|   | <hr/>  |          |
|   |        | 304 26   |
|   |        | <hr/>    |
|   |        | \$495 47 |

No appropriation.

## STREET LIGHTS.

---

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| E. S. McKay, care of lights,          | \$377 25 |          |
| Zenas Lovell & Co., oil and supplies, | 364 66   |          |
| J. E. Currier, glass,                 | 3 85     |          |
| Globe Gas Light Co., glass,           | 9 50     |          |
| W. W. Lydston, repairing lamp,        | 8 20     |          |
| J. E. Muldoon, repairing lamp,        | 1 85     |          |
| American Express Co., expressage,     | 50       |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$765 81 |
| Appropriation,                        | \$700 00 |          |
| Overdrawn,                            | 65 81    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$765 81 |

---

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ON DRAIN BY  
WALKER'S SHOP AND VENDOME STREET.

---

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| J. E. Currier, tile by Walker's shop,  | \$642 50 |          |
| J. E. Currier, tile by Vendome street, | 250 00   |          |
| J. P. Titcomb, setting batters,        | 14 20    |          |
|  | <hr/>    | \$906 70 |
| No appropriation.                      |          |          |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

---

|  |         |  |          |
|--|---------|--|----------|
| Otis Currier,                              |         |  |          |
| Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,             | \$95 56 |  |          |
| Titcomb Bros., provisions,                 | 64 40   |  |          |
| Little & Co., supplies,                    | 6 30    |  |          |
| Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal,           | 46 23   |  |          |
| Kempton Co., pants,                        | 4 00    |  |          |
| E. Wyman, shoes,                           | 1 50    |  |          |
| A. H. Pierce, medical attendance,          | 3 75    |  |          |
| F. L. Parker, medicine,                    | 90      |  |          |
| Mrs. W. F. Thompson, making underwear,     | 1 00    |  |          |
|  | <hr/>   |  | \$223 64 |
| Joseph Addison,                            |         |  |          |
| Town of Wenham, aid,                       | 52 00   |  |          |
|  | <hr/>   |  | 52 00    |
| Rebecca Jones,                             |         |  |          |
| Danvers Insane Hospital,                   | 169 47  |  |          |
|  | <hr/>   |  | 169 47   |
| John Doherty,                              |         |  |          |
| F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,        | 28 00   |  |          |
| F. L. Parker, medicine,                    | 1 20    |  |          |
| E. D. George, expense taking him to Togus, | 17 89   |  |          |
|  | <hr/>   |  | 47 09    |
|  |         |  | <hr/>    |
|  |         |  | \$492 20 |
| Unexpended,                                |         |  |          |
|  |         |  | 7 80     |
|  |         |  | <hr/>    |
|  |         |  | \$500 00 |
| Appropriation,                             |         |  |          |
|  |         |  | \$500 00 |



## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

---

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| American Locomotive Co., repairing steamer,<br>1902,            | \$38 90     |
| J. Henry Ollis, salary as engineer,                             | 25 00       |
| W. C. Russell, salary as engineer,                              | 25 00       |
| L. B. Blaisdell, salary as engineer,                            | 25 00       |
| Martin Cahill, janitor of McClellan engine<br>house,            | 42 00       |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal,   | 116 31      |
| C. A. Howe, care of fire alarm,                                 | 95 48       |
| P. J. Mullegan, graveling engine house roof,                    | 60 67       |
| J. B. Heath, shingling and repairs on engine<br>house,          | 70 60       |
| J. E. Currier, shingles and lumber,                             | 90 49       |
| W. W. Lydston, supplies,  | 18 05       |
| Pettingell, Andrews & Co., supplies,                            | 32 71       |
| John E. Muldoon, supplies,                                      | 6 25        |
| F. C. Williams, repairs on door and Hook and<br>Ladder Reel,    | 2 50        |
| John Donahue, labor and stock painting exten-<br>tion ladder,   | 4 40        |
| I. B. Little Co., supplies,                                     | 2 50        |
| Wood Bros., hauling steamer for alarm and<br>practice,          | 54 50       |
| R. H. Sargent, hauling steamer for alarm and<br>practice,       | \$21 00     |
| Credit for wheels,  | 10 00       |
|   | <hr/> 11 00 |
| I. H. Pendergast, barrel and freighting,                        | 1 01        |
| Beatu Zing Co., supplies,                                       | 12 50       |
| Carriage Wheel and Gear Co., stock and labor<br>for Hose Truck, | 2 00        |

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| E. W. Roberts, stock and labor on engine       |          |
| house,   | \$26 00  |
| Merrimac Budget, printing,                     | 4 00     |
| Knight & Thomas, supplies,                     | 44 00    |
| Merrimac Plating Works, plating and stock,     | 1 60     |
| D. W. Gould, stock and labor on belts,         | 5 00     |
| Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co., repairing    |          |
| hose,  | 62 50    |
| Bion Green, freight,                           | 41       |
| Hanscom Hardware Co., supplies,                | 3 50     |
| Preble Bros., oil,                             | 6 51     |
| G. G. Davis, hauling filling,                  | 3 95     |
| C. E. Rowell, supplies,                        | 2 62     |
| Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,                     | 2 52     |
| F. L. Parker, supplies,                        | 1 45     |
| L. B. Blaisdell, hauling Gen. McClellan engine |          |
| and axe handle,                                | 7 30     |
| Little & Co., netting and crash,               | 1 18     |
| J. A. Lancaster and Co., repairs on Hook and   |          |
| Ladder truck,                                  | 11 29    |
| Merrimac School Department, wood at Birch      |          |
| Meadow fire,                                   | 2 25     |
| L. B. Blaisdell, hauling engine,               | 5 00     |
| W. C. Russell, expense and freight bill,       | 4 02     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$931 97 |

## STEAMER CO. NO. 1 SALARY AND OVERTIME.

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| W. H. Boothroyd, engineer,       | \$66 75 |
| C. O. Libby, assistant engineer, | 44 75   |
| F. Wiggin, stoker,               | 41 00   |
| J. P. Flynn, janitor,            | 115 50  |
| G. W. Handley,                   | 5 50    |
| D. Tibbetts,                     | 16 25   |
| J. Nicol,                        | 15 50   |
| A. W. Boynton,                   | 9 25    |
| Charles Doonan,                  | 15 50   |
| A. Goodwin,                      | 15 75   |
| J. Grocut,                       | 15 75   |
| W. Gardner,                      | 14 25   |
| H. E. Hoyt,                      | 14 25   |
| E. S. McConnell,                 | 5 50    |

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

67

|                   |        |          |
|-------------------|--------|----------|
| F. A. Simonds,    | \$5 50 |          |
| M. J. Blaisdell,  | 4 25   |          |
| F. S. Carroll,    | 1 25   |          |
| F. H. Golin,      | 9 50   |          |
| N. H. Beauchemin, | 7 75   |          |
|                   | <hr/>  | \$423 75 |

## HOOK AND LADDER CO.

|                   |         |        |
|-------------------|---------|--------|
| W. A. Brady,      | \$15 00 |        |
| H. Bonnar,        | 15 00   |        |
| C. S. C. Bridges, | 15 00   |        |
| A. W. Coombs,     | 15 00   |        |
| H. Coombs,        | 15 00   |        |
| Wm. Rogers,       | 15 00   |        |
| Wm. Barbeau,      | 15 00   |        |
| J. Travers,       | 15 00   |        |
| M. Travers,       | 15 00   |        |
| J. Donahue,       | 20 75   |        |
| T. Keough,        | 15 75   |        |
| G. D. Currier,    | 15 00   |        |
|                   | <hr/>   | 186 50 |

## GEN. MCCLELLAN FIRE ASSOCIATION.

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| M. Blaisdell,   | \$1 75 |
| F. Chase,       | 2 55   |
| F. O. Bailey,   | 2 60   |
| R. J. Eaton,    | 2 55   |
| M. Cahill,      | 2 30   |
| J. W. Bailey,   | 1 60   |
| L. Bailey,      | 1 85   |
| Roland Bailey,  | 2 20   |
| B. Carter,      | 2 05   |
| C. A. Carter,   | 2 55   |
| J. Colman,      | 1 85   |
| A. E. Colman,   | 1 85   |
| J. W. Currier,  | 1 85   |
| H. Evans,       | 2 55   |
| Henry Gilday,   | 2 60   |
| G. H. Gilday,   | 2 60   |
| H. Hughes,      | 2 55   |
| Wm. Dalrymple,  | 2 30   |
| Will O'Connell, | 2 55   |

|                     |       |       |            |
|---------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| L. Y. Stevens,      | 1     | 85    |            |
| W. S. Tuckwell,     | 1     | 60    |            |
| J. Welch,           | 2     | 10    |            |
| L. J. Whittier,     | 2     | 05    |            |
| J. A. Williams,     | 1     | 60    |            |
| Herbert Bailey,     | 2     | 30    |            |
| W. E. Greeley,      |       | 35    |            |
| Charles Richardson, |       | 35    |            |
| George Eaton,       |       | 35    |            |
| Harry Blaisdell,    |       | 35    |            |
| Charles Colman,     |       | 35    |            |
|                     |       | <hr/> | 55 95      |
|                     |       |       | <hr/>      |
|                     |       |       | \$1,598 17 |
| Appropriation,      | 1,500 | 00    |            |
| Overdrawn,          |       | 98 17 |            |
|                     |       | <hr/> | \$1,598 17 |

---

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

---

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Paid C. B. Heath, treasurer, | \$557 96 |
| Appropriation,               | \$557 96 |

---



---

## STREET SPRINKLING.

---

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid W. H. Emerson for sprinkling, | \$100 00 |
| Appropriation,                     | \$100 00 |

## OVERSEERS' REPORT.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Support of Mrs. Otis Gray,          |          |          |
| T. Monroe Sargent, board,           | \$153 00 |          |
| F. L. Parker, medicine,             | 60       |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$153 60 |
| Support of Ann Waining,             |          |          |
| K. C. Haselton, board and supplies, | 153 50   |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 153 50   |
| Support of Lydia A. Kendrick,       |          |          |
| Lucy Bailey, board,                 | 156 00   |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 156 00   |
| Support of Hannah Allison,          |          |          |
| H. A. Currier, board,               | 57 00    |          |
| E. Wyman, shoes and rubbers,        | 2 15     |          |
| Little & Co., supplies,             | 1 75     |          |
| F. L. Parker, medicine,             | 85       |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 61 75    |
| Support of Caroline Johnson,        |          |          |
| George F. Colby, board and nursing, | 26 00    |          |
| Little & Co., supplies,             | 1 00     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 27 00    |
| Aid of James Barlow,                |          |          |
| Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,      | 72 34    |          |
| Titcomb Bros., provisions,          | 36 32    |          |
| F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance, | 32 00    |          |
| W. B. Kelley, supplies,             | 18 24    |          |
| Abby C. Howe, rent,                 | 40 00    |          |
| T. L. Goodwin, rent,                | 12 00    |          |
| W. H. Emerson, moving,              | 2 00     |          |
| F. L. Parker, medicine,             | 1 00     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 213 90   |
| Aid of Harry O. Blaisdell,          |          |          |
| C. E. Rowell, groceries,            | 20 72    |          |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal,             | 13 39    |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 34 11    |



## Support of Charles and Lydia Goodwin,

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Preble Bros., groceries,              | \$72 26 |
| Titcomb Bros., provisions,            | 33 73   |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal and wood,      | 27 00   |
| E. D. George, wood,                   | 3 00    |
| Merrimac Savings Bank, rent,          | 27 00   |
| T. L. Goodwin, rent,                  | 20 00   |
| W. H. Emerson, moving,                | 8 00    |
| W. W. Lydston, cook stove and funnel, | 9 50    |
| Kempton Co., clothing,                | 4 25    |
| E. Wyman, shoes and rubbers,          | 2 50    |
| C. A. Bridges, repairing shoes,       | 75      |

---

\$207 99

## Aid of Michel Burke,

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,   | 52 17 |
| Titcomb Bros., provisions,       | 27 15 |
| Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal, | 26 07 |
| E. D. George, wood,              | 3 00  |
| W. B. Kelley, supplies,          | 9 12  |
| E. Wyman, shoes,                 | 1 25  |

---

118 76

## Aid of George and Susan Sargent,

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| C. E. Rowell, groceries,          | 66 54 |
| Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal,  | 35 96 |
| A. H. Pierce, medical attendance, | 7 00  |

---

109 50

## Aid of Mrs. James Doyle,

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries, | 9 94 |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal,        | 1 95 |
| Titcomb Bros., provisions,     | 4 35 |
| E. Wyman, shoes and rubbers,   | 2 00 |

---

18 24

## Aid of Lyman Davis,

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,    | 19 39 |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal and wood,  | 10 10 |
| A. H. Pierce, medical attendance, | 12 00 |

---

41 49

## Aid of Ernest C. Eaton,

Board of Health, Malden, care in small-  
pox case, June 18 to July 9, 1902,

---

232 57

---

232 57

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

71

|  |  |            |
|--|--|------------|
| Aid of Fred Parker,<br>Hale Hospital, 13 weeks at hospital,  | 122 00   | 122 00     |
| Aid of Kate McKabe,<br>Town of Amesbury, two thirds of support,  | 41 60  | 41 60      |
| Aid of John O'Brien,<br>Town of Amesbury, aid granted,   | 16 24  | 16 24      |
| Aid of Frederick Simonds, Lynn,<br>W. B. Kelly, milk,  | 2 54   | 2 54       |
| Aid of J. C. Liberty, state,<br>Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,<br>Sargent Coal Co., wood,<br>F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,<br>E. D. George, expenses to Tewksbury,<br>I. H. Pendergast, team to depot, | 23 04<br>3 00<br>4 00<br>3 44<br>50                      | 33 98      |
| Support of Insane in Hospitals,<br>Chauncy Knowlton,<br>William Carr,<br>Adeline Lawson,<br>Margaret Noone,<br>Jane Burns,<br>Isaac Heald,   | 169 47<br>169 47<br>169 47<br>169 46<br>169 46<br>169 46 | 1,016 79   |
|  |  | \$2,761 56 |
| Appropriation,   | \$2,100 00   |            |
| Received from A. M. Colby, guardian of Mar-<br>garet Noone,  | 169 46   |            |
| Due from Ernest C. Eaton,  | 232 57   |            |
| Due from Town of Amesbury,   | 106 25   |            |
| Due from City of Haverhill,  | 41 49  |            |
| Due from State,  | 33 98  |            |
| Due from City of Lynn,   | 2 54   |            |
| Received from H. O. Blaisdell,   | 2 20   |            |
| Due from H. O. Blaisdell,  | 31 91  |            |
| Overdrawn,   | 41 16  | \$2,761 56 |

## TREE WARDEN.

---

### PAY ROLL FOR APRIL.

|                                  |        |         |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| G. G. Davis, 12 hours at .22 1-2 | \$2 70 |         |
| J. J. Woodman, 20 hours at .20   | 4 00   |         |
| D. Stevens, 10 hours at .20      | 2 00   |         |
| J. D. Jones, 15 hours at .20     | 3 00   |         |
| E. F. Goodwin, 11 hours at .20   | 2 20   |         |
|                                  | <hr/>  | \$13 90 |

### PAY ROLL FOR SEPTEMBER.

|  |        |       |
|--|--------|-------|
| G. G. Davis, 30 hours at .22 1-2         | \$6 75 |       |
| G. G. Davis, team and man 8 hours at .30 | 2 40   |       |
| G. G. Davis, team 15 hours at .10        | 1 50   |       |
| Harry Golin, 5 hours at .20              | 1 00   |       |
| D. Stevens, 25 hours at .20              | 5 00   |       |
| J. J. Woodman, 17 1-2 hours at .20       | 3 50   |       |
| George Kittredge, 20 hours at .20        | 4 00   |       |
| E. F. Goodwin, 40 hours at .20           | 8 00   |       |
|  | <hr/>  | 32 15 |

### PAY ROLL FOR NOVEMBER.

|                                    |        |         |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| G. G. Davis, 18 hours at .22 1-2   | \$4 05 |         |
| G. G. Davis, canvass,              | 1 00   |         |
| J. J. Woodman, 9 hours at .20      | 1 80   |         |
| D. Stevens, 15 hours at .20        | 3 00   |         |
| E. F. Goodwin, 23 1-2 hours at .20 | 4 70   |         |
| Wm. Morrow, 9 1-2 hours at .20     | 1 90   |         |
|                                    | <hr/>  | 16 45   |
|                                    |        | <hr/>   |
|                                    |        | \$62 50 |

No appropriation.

## MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

---

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| G. H. Briggs, premium on Treasurer's bond,  | \$35 00 |
| Merrimac Budget, printing town reports,   | 112 50  |
| Merrimac Budget, publishing warrants, notices, poll and voting lists, Collector's blanks, ballots and supplies, | 99 75   |
| Mrs. E. W. Smart, stamps and box rent,  | 9 50    |
| Frank Anderson, chopping block for police station,  | 1 00    |
| Carter Ink Co., ink,  | 75      |
| T. L. Goodwin, table for town office,   | 18 50   |
| A. C. Libby & Sons, bill files,   | 90      |
| Wright & Potter Printing Co., return property blanks,   | 2 50    |
| E. D. George, expenses to Boston three times and to Mansfield once,   | 13 10   |
| I. B. Little Co., supplies for hall and police station,   | 2 28    |
| Theodore Grant, haying and labor in Church street and Lower Corner cemeteries,                                  | 25 90   |
| G. A. Grant, haying in Church street and Lower Corner cemeteries,   | 6 70    |
| G. G. Larkin, bills paid for labor in cemeteries,   | 10 15   |
| J. J. Woodman, labor in Lower Corner cemetery,  | 7 60    |
| A. N. McDonald, haying in Church street cemetery,   | 4 40    |
| Agent American Express, expressage,   | 55      |
| J. T. Crosby, labor in cemetery,  | 4 35    |
| E. Roberts, labor on coal pen at police station,  | 3 45    |
| S. F. Nason, charcoal for hall,   | 2 50    |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal,   | 66 57   |

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| J. C. Libby, putting up voting booths and stock and labor on coal pen in police station, | \$12 24 |
| John E. Muldoon, stock on furnace in hall, funnel and labor in town office,              | 12 99   |
| Bailey Sargent, insurance on hall of \$4,000 for three years,                            | 52 80   |
| Bailey Sargent, insurance on hall of \$1,500 for three years,                            | 19 80   |
| Bailey Sargent, recording births, marriages and deaths,                                  | 19 70   |
| Bailey Sargent, stationery and expenses to Boston,                                       | 5 35    |
| H. M. Meek, assessors' and registrars' supplies,   | 3 00    |
| T. H. Hoyt, legal advice,  | 54 00   |
| Thomas Parkin, care of Sargent hall,   | 65 25   |
| Thomas Parkin, care of tramps,   | 22 90   |
| Thomas Parkin, care of clock and town office,  | 22 75   |
| R. E. Farrar, painting sash in hall,   | 50      |
| W. W. Lydston, supplies for hall and police station,                                     | 2 31    |
| F. L. Parker, disinfectant for police station,   | 75      |
| F. E. Sweetsir, reporting births,  | 4 50    |
| A. H. Pierce, reporting births,  | 2 25    |
| Clifton B. Heath, supplies, book and type-writing,                                       | 4 32    |
| N. L. Howe, repairing pump in the square,  | 1 90    |
| Z. Lovell & Co., supplies for hall and police station,                                   | 14 46   |
| H. H. Story, telephoning, tax book and supplies,   | 4 63    |
| M. S. Gibbs, repairing windows in hall,  | 1 25    |
| A. S. Nixon, services as Constable, serving warrants and notifying town officers,        | 23 00   |
| A. S. Nixon, expenses travelling on burglar case and supplies,                           | 25 34   |
| Wm. Read & Son, supplies for chief of police,  | 18 60   |
| C. K. Willey, food for firemen at the Walker fire,                                       | 9 91    |
| E. Wyman, supplies for Sealer,   | 1 65    |



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

75

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| A. M. Colby, burying dog,                                  | \$1 00   |          |
| Philip J. Neal, burying dog,                               | 1 00     |          |
|  | <hr/>    | \$836 10 |
| Appropriation,   | \$600 00 |          |
| Received of Thomas Parkin for rent of hall,                | 95 25    |          |
| Received of Trustees of Cemeteries for hay and<br>wood,    | 45 00    |          |
| Received of Sealer of Weights and Measures<br>for sealing, | 11 23    |          |
| Overdrawn,   | 84 62    |          |
|  | <hr/>    | \$836 10 |

## WATER INVESTIGATION

---

### ACCOUNT NUMBER ONE.

|   |         |          |
|---|---------|----------|
| Freeman C. Coffin, civil engineer,  | \$99 00 |          |
| C. B. Heath, typewriting Water Act,   | 1 85    |          |
| I. H. Pendergast, team for Mr. Coffin and<br>committee,   | 5 00    |          |
| Merrimac Budget, printing reports,  | 27 50   |          |
| H. A. Sawyer, electric light plant estimates,   | 20 00   |          |
| Frank E. Pease, two trips to Boston,  | 5 00    |          |
| F. C. Grant, stationery, express on reports re-<br>ceived, postage, special delivery stamps,<br>etc., | 7 80    |          |
| T. L. Goodwin, one trip to Boston,  | 2 50    |          |
| Ralph H. Sargent, one trip to Boston,   | 2 50    |          |
| Everett D. George, two trips to Boston,   | 5 00    |          |
|   | <hr/>   |          |
|   |         | \$176 15 |
| No appropriation.   |         |          |

---

### ACCOUNT NUMBER TWO.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Freeman C. Coffin, civil engineer, | \$165 37 |
| B. F. Smith & Bro., driving wells, | 238 32   |
| George E. Kittredge, “             | 36.00    |
| E. F. Goodwin, “                   | 24 00    |
| H. O. Blaisdell, “                 | 13 00    |
| T. Greeley, “                      | 4 75     |
| James Flynn, “                     | 8 50     |
| T. Keogh, “                        | 2 00     |
| Wm. Fitzgerald, “                  | 2 00     |
| John Woodman, “                    | 1 88     |

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| F. H. Hargraves, boarding Smith's men,          | 28 56    |          |
| C. K. Willey, boarding Mr. Thorpe, asst. C. E., | 17 85    |          |
| Everett D. George, labor,                       | 10 00    |          |
| Ralph H. Sargent, labor and teaming,            | 13 00    |          |
| American Express Co., express on iron pipe,     | 4 85     |          |
| Bion Green, Agent, freight,                     | 1 34     |          |
| F. C. Grant, postage,                           | 70       |          |
| I. H. Pendergast, teaming,                      | 6 00     |          |
| Merrimac Budget, printing report,               | 9 50     |          |
|   | <hr/>    | \$587 62 |
| Appropriation,                                  | \$500 00 |          |
| Overdrawn,                                      | 87 62    |          |
|   | <hr/>    | \$587 62 |

---

#### ACCOUNT NUMBER THREE—PUMPING TEST.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| B. F. Smith & Bro., Boston, for pipe, loan of pump and labor of two men,   | \$900 00 |
| Freeman C. Coffin, services,   | 143 41   |
| E. D. George, labor and expense to Boston four times, and to Ipswich once, | 62 80    |
| R. H. Sargent, labor and team and expense to Ipswich,                      | 9 50     |
| F. E. Pease, expense to Boston and Ipswich,                                | 4 50     |
| F. C. Grant, expense to Ipswich,   | 2 00     |
| T. L. Goodwin, expense to Ipswich,   | 2 00     |
| A. M. Colby, expense to Ipswich,   | 2 00     |
| F. A. Swan & Co., for services on electric light investigation,            | 25 00    |
| Bion Green, freight,   | 36 91    |
| American Express Co., expressage,  | 1 15     |
| W. A. Barbeau, labor,  | 17 00    |
| Ernest L. Hopkins, labor,  | 50 00    |
| Timothy O'Brien, labor,  | 54 00    |
| Charles E. Hoyt, labor,  | 32 60    |
| Moses W. Sargent, labor,   | 14 50    |
| A. I. Perry, labor,  | 35 00    |
| Judson A. Rich, labor,   | 36 25    |

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Geo. E. Kittredge, labor,              | 1 60       |            |
| F. H. Hargraves, board of Smith's men, | 39 00      |            |
| I. H. Pendergast, carting,             | 34 50      |            |
| Sargent Coal Co., coal,                | 38 79      |            |
| H. H. Story, telephoning,              | 10 04      |            |
| J. E. Currier, lumber,                 | 16 14      |            |
| Z. Lovell & Co., barrel,               | 50         |            |
| I. B. Little Co., nails,               | 64         |            |
| H. & A. St. Ry. Co., ties,             | 1 52       |            |
| Merrimac Budget, printing reports,     | 12 00      |            |
|  | <hr/>      | \$1,583 35 |
| Unexpended,                            |            | 302 65     |
|  |            | <hr/>      |
|  |            | \$1,886 00 |
|  |            |            |
| Appropriation,                         | \$1,500 00 |            |
| Received for lumber,                   | 3 00       |            |
| Material, etc., in ground,             | 383 00     |            |
|  | <hr/>      | \$1,886 00 |

## STATE AND MILITARY AID.

---

### STATE AID FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1904.

---

|                      |         |           |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Rhoda Belell         | \$ 4 00 |           |
| George Brown         | 54 00   |           |
| Elizabeth W. Currier | 48 00   |           |
| John Doherty         | 55 00   |           |
| Clarence J. Frye     | 48 00   |           |
| George A. Grant      | 48 00   |           |
| Harriet O. Grant     | 48 00   |           |
| M. Ellen Hall        | 48 00   |           |
| Mary A. Hughes       | 24 00   |           |
| Margaret Handley     | 48 00   |           |
| Emma J. Heath        | 20 00   |           |
| Charles B. Hunkins   | 72 00   |           |
| John Jenkins         | 60 00   |           |
| Stephen D. Kennett   | 54 00   |           |
| Lydia A. Kennett     | 48 00   |           |
| Jeremiah Mahoney     | 72 00   |           |
| William F. Martins   | 60 00   |           |
| Adeline Noyes        | 24 00   |           |
| Nathan J. Spofford   | 48 00   |           |
| Moses Stevens        | 48 00   |           |
| Mary E. Stevens      | 48 00   |           |
| Arianah White        | 48 00   |           |
| Edward C. Tibbetts   | 32 00   |           |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$1059 00 |

---

### MILITARY AID.

|                    |       |         |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Edward C. Tibbetts | 48 00 |         |
|                    | <hr/> | \$48 00 |



# JURY LIST.

---

List of names to be voted on for Jurors at the Annual Town  
meeting to be held Monday, March 7, 1904.

---

| NAME.                  | RESIDENCE.          | OCCUPATION.           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| James W. Bailey,       | Merrimac st.,       | Carriage Painter      |
| Lorenzo B. Blaisdell,  | Merrimac st.,       | Farmer                |
| Ezra G. Bly,           | Church st.,         | Shoe Maker            |
| Alfred M. Colby,       | High st.,           | Carriage Manufacturer |
| Charles E. Drew,       | Church st.,         | Retired               |
| Roswell J. Eaton,      | Merrimac st.,       | Plater                |
| William H. Emerson,    | Bear Hill st.,      | Teamster              |
| George S. Freeman,     | Summer st.,         | Trimmer               |
| Everett D. George,     | Mechanics st.,      | Merchant              |
| T. Livingston Goodwin, | Church st.,         | Merchant              |
| D. Warren Gould,       | Main st.,           | Harnessmaker          |
| Lawson W. Howe,        | Forest st.,         | Woodworker            |
| Charles H. Hughes,     | Merrimac st.,       | Woodworker            |
| Oliver W. Jordan,      | School st.,         | Shoemaker             |
| James C. Libby,        | Pleasant st.,       | Carpenter             |
| Edwin C. Little,       | Main st.,           | Farmer                |
| Daniel M. Means,       | Grove st.,          | Manufacturer          |
| John J. Minahan,       | Walnut st.,         | Blacksmith            |
| George A. Ordway,      | High st.,           | Retired               |
| George E. Ricker,      | Main st.,           | Trimmer               |
| Ralph H. Sargent,      | Main st.,           | Ice Dealer            |
| Thomas W. Sheridan,    | Main st.,           | Salesman              |
| Richard R. Sorenson,   | Main st.,           | Clerk                 |
| Charles E. Williams,   | Pleasant st., Port, | Woodworker            |

## STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

---

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Valuation of Real Estate                     | \$999,425 00 |
| Valuation of Personal Property               | 277,575 00   |
| Valuation of Resident Bank Stock             | 41,937 50    |
| Valuation of Non-Resident Bank Stock         | 83,062 50    |
| Number of persons assessed on property       | 658          |
| Number of persons assessed for poll-tax only | 264          |
| Number of acres of land assessed             | 5,061        |
| Number of dwelling-houses                    | 536          |
| Number of horses                             | 201          |
| Number of cows                               | 250          |
| Number of sheep                              | 7            |
| Number of swine                              | 25           |
| Neat cattle other than cows                  | 74           |
| Total tax assessed                           | \$24,226 00  |
| Rate of taxation per thousand                | 18 00        |
| County tax                                   | 1,398 10     |
| State tax                                    | 1,228 00     |

## NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

---

|   |            |             |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Paid Note of May 12, 1902,  | \$2,500 00 |             |
| Note of Oct. 31, 1902,  | 5,000 00   |             |
| Note of Mar. 23, 1903,  | 2,000 00   |             |
| Note of May 1, 1903,  | 5,000 00   |             |
| Note of June 1, 1903,   | 2,000 00   |             |
| Note of Feb. 16, 1901, account<br>of macadamizing Main street,                  | 500 00     |             |
| Note of Feb. 16, 1901, account<br>of Middle street school house,                | 500 00     |             |
| On account of Note of Oct. 30,<br>1903,   | 2,000 00   |             |
|   | <hr/>      | \$19,500 00 |
|   |            |             |
| Paid Interest, Note of Oct. 31, 1902,   | \$173 75   |             |
| Interest, Note of Mar. 23, 1903,  | 39 17      |             |
| Interest, Note of May 1, 1903,  | 112 25     |             |
| Interest, Note of June 1, 1903,   | 21 40      |             |
| Interest, Note of Feb. 16, 1901,<br>account of school house and<br>Main street, | 156 13     |             |
|   | <hr/>      | \$502 70    |

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## LIABILITIES.

|  |          |             |
|--|----------|-------------|
| Balance of Note of Oct. 30, 1903,                            | 5,500 00 |             |
| Note of November 24, 1903,                                   | 2,000 00 |             |
| Note of January 11, 1904,                                    | 5,000 00 |             |
| Notes of Feb. 16, 1901, acct. of macadamizing Main street,   | 2,500 00 |             |
| Notes of Feb. 16, 1901, acct. of Middle Street school house, | 1,500 00 |             |
| Accrued interest,  | 110 00   |             |
| Outstanding bills (estimated)                                | 200 00   |             |
| Outstanding orders,  | 186 61   |             |
|  | <hr/>    | \$16,996 61 |

## ASSETS.

|                                     |            |             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Due from State, State-Mil'ty Aid,   | \$1,194 00 |             |
| “ Cattle Inspector,                 | 25 00      |             |
| Due from Cities and Towns,          | 184 22     |             |
| Due from Ernest C. Eaton,           | 232 57     |             |
| Due from Harry O. Blaisdell,        | 31 91      |             |
| Due from Alfred M. Colby, guardian, |            |             |
| Margaret Noon,                      | 139 48     |             |
| Due from James Doyle estate,        | 101 10     |             |
| Uncollected taxes, W. C. Russell,   | 451 59     |             |
| Uncollected taxes, John S. Clement, | 4,843 98   |             |
| Cash on hand,                       | 1,950 04   |             |
| Mass. School Fund,                  | 779 86     |             |
|                                     | <hr/>      | 9,933 75    |
| Debt February 1, 1904,              |            | 7,062 86    |
|                                     |            | <hr/>       |
|                                     |            | \$16,996 61 |

# RECAPITULATION.

| Department.  | Appropriation.                 | Received from Other Sources.   | Expended.                      | Unexp'd.   | Overdr'n.       |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Schools,<br>Sup't of Schools,<br>Conveyance of Pupils, | \$8,525 00<br>375 00<br>200 00 | State, Education of State Children, \$181 00<br>State, Sup't of Schools, 625 00<br>State, Mass. School Fund, 779 86<br>County, for Dog Tax, 107 51<br>D. W. Gould, for fence, 9 36<br>H. Evans, for apples, 2 00<br>Fire Department, 2 25                                      | \$9,705 61                     | \$1,101 37 |                 |
| Soldiers' Relief,<br>Poor,                             | 500 00<br>2,100 00             | A. M. Colby, Guardian Margaret Noone, 169 46<br>H. O. Blaisdell, 2 20<br>Due from H. O. Blaisdell, 31 91<br>Due from Ernest C. Eaton, 232 57<br>Due from Town of Amesbury, 106 25<br>Due from City of Haverhill, 41 49<br>Due from City of Lynn, 2 54<br>Due from State, 33 98 | 492 20<br>2,761 56             | 7 80       | \$41 16         |
| Fire,<br>Highways,<br>Sidewalks and Crossings,         | 1,500 00<br>1,500 00<br>200 00 | Due and received from abuttors, 88 50  | 1,598 17<br>1,717 04<br>265 58 | 22 92      | 98 17<br>217 04 |
| Sprinkling,<br>Street Lights,<br>Public Library,       | 100 00<br>700 00<br>557 96     |  | 100 00<br>765 81<br>557 96     |            | 65 81           |



|  |                    |  |                         |                    |            |            |
|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Officers,   | 1,600 00           | Due from State, account<br>of Cattle Inspector,  | 25 00                   | 2,093 20           |            | 468 20     |
| Memorial Day,<br>Interest,   | 75 00              |  |                         | 75 00              |            |            |
| Discount,  | 350 00             |  |                         | 346 57             | 3 43       |            |
| Snow and Washout,<br>Court Fees,   | 700 00             |  |                         | 811 38             |            | 111 38     |
| Investigation for Water<br>Supply, No. 1,  | No Approp'n,       |  |                         | 495 47             |            |            |
| Investigation for Water<br>Supply, No. 2,  | No Approp'n,       | Received from the Court, 133 00  |                         | 26 20              | 106 80     |            |
| Steam Pumping Test,  | No Approp'n,       |  |                         | 176 15             |            |            |
|  | 500 00             |  |                         | 587 62             |            | 87 62      |
|  | 1,500 00           | Received for lumber,<br>Material, etc., left in the<br>ground,   | 3 00<br>383 00          | 1,583 35           | 302 65     |            |
| Tree Warden,<br>Improvement in drain at<br>Walker's shop and Ven-<br>dome street.            | No Approp'n,       |  |                         | 62 50              |            |            |
| Notes and Interest for<br>Main street macadam-<br>izing and High school<br>building repairs, | No Approp'n,       |  |                         | 906 70             |            |            |
| Miscellaneous,   | 1,156 13<br>600 00 | Received from T. Parkin,<br>janitor of Sargent hall,<br>Received from Trustees<br>of Cemetery,<br>Received from Sealer of<br>Weights and Measures, | 95 25<br>45 00<br>11 23 | 1,156 13<br>836 10 |            | 84 62      |
| Total,   | \$22,739 09        |  | \$3,111 36              | \$27,120 30        | \$1,544 97 | \$1,174 00 |

# ACCOUNT OF WM. C. RUSSELL, COLLECTOR.

Uncollected taxes, February 13, 1904,

\$451 59

|                         |    |    |                               |
|-------------------------|----|----|-------------------------------|
| 1893.                   |    |    |                               |
| Connell, T. J.          | 45 | 70 |                               |
| Doyle, Michael H.       | 1  | 00 |                               |
| Richardson, Henry C.    | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Currier, Thomas A.      | 1  | 90 |                               |
| Peaslee, John S.        | 3  | 33 |                               |
| Kimball, Stephen T.     |    | 95 |                               |
| Bagely, Thos.           |    | 95 |                               |
| Cooper, Gorge E.        |    | 95 |                               |
| 1894.                   |    |    |                               |
| Addison, Joseph         | 35 | 20 |                               |
| Burns, Michael H.       | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Currier, Wm. A.         | 2  | 44 |                               |
| Connell T. J.           | 41 | 38 |                               |
| Doyle, Michael H.       | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Handly J. E.            | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Murphy, James W.        | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Lyons, Wm. M.           | 8  | 57 |                               |
| Nichols, H. H.          | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Noon, Michael heirs,    | 6  | 56 |                               |
| Parker, John C.         | 1  | 49 |                               |
| Richardson, Henry C.    | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Shays, Wm. E.           | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Sheridan, Thos. W.      | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Schofield, Herman B.    | 2  | 00 |                               |
| Orpheon Club,           |    | 88 |                               |
| Currier, Thomas A.      | 1  | 75 |                               |
| Peaslee, John S.        | 3  | 07 |                               |
| Favor, Mrs. Nancy       | 7  | 88 |                               |
| Day, Joseph heirs,      | 1  | 75 |                               |
| Kimball, Stephen T.     |    | 88 |                               |
| Connor, John            | 5  | 69 |                               |
| Bagley, Thomas          |    | 88 |                               |
| Nichols, John A. heirs, | 2  | 19 |                               |
| Cooper, George          |    | 88 |                               |
| 1895.                   |    |    |                               |
| Barlow, Joseph          | 2  | 00 |                               |
|                         |    |    | Bancroft, Leman E. bal. 16 91 |
|                         |    |    | Burns, Michael P, 2 00        |
|                         |    |    | Betts, Frank W. 3 25          |
|                         |    |    | Currier, Wm. A. 2 42          |
|                         |    |    | Colby, Mrs. Brazillia 3 98    |
|                         |    |    | Chase, Wesly 2 00             |
|                         |    |    | Connor, Katherine 83          |
|                         |    |    | Connor, Timothy E. 17 86      |
|                         |    |    | Carr, Robert 16 94            |
|                         |    |    | Cróuse, James C. 19 43        |
|                         |    |    | Foster, James H. 13 75        |
|                         |    |    | Goodwin, Hayden T. 2 00       |
|                         |    |    | Gunnison, Geo. G. bal. 16 11  |
|                         |    |    | Greely, Martin 2 00           |
|                         |    |    | Greely, Michael 31 90         |
|                         |    |    | Lovell, A. J. 2 00            |
|                         |    |    | Loud, Otis S. bal. 66         |
|                         |    |    | Noone, Michael, heirs, 6 23   |
|                         |    |    | Nichols, H. H. 2 00           |
|                         |    |    | Parker, John. C. 2 00         |
|                         |    |    | Parsons, Andrew 2 00          |
|                         |    |    | Ruel, Lawrence 2 00           |
|                         |    |    | Richardson, Henry C. 2 00     |
|                         |    |    | Richardson, Chas. A. 2 00     |
|                         |    |    | Scanlon, James F. 2 00        |
|                         |    |    | Schofield, Herman B. 2 00     |
|                         |    |    | Sargent, J. P. heirs, 50 63   |
|                         |    |    | Sargent, Wm. A. 2 00          |
|                         |    |    | Webster, Bert W. 2 00         |
|                         |    |    | Orpheon Club, 83              |
|                         |    |    | Currier, Thomas A. 1 66       |
|                         |    |    | Peaslee, John S. 2 91         |
|                         |    |    | Day, Joseph heirs, 1 66       |
|                         |    |    | Kimball, Stephen T. 83        |
|                         |    |    | Connor, John 5 40             |
|                         |    |    | Parsons, P. H. 4 15           |
|                         |    |    | Cooper, George 83             |
|                         |    |    | Tenny, John E. 3 32           |
|                         |    |    | Bagley, Thos. 83              |

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

---

JOHN S. CLEMENT, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT  
WITH THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

---

DR.

|                   |             |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| To Tax List 1903, | \$24,226 00 |             |
| Additions,        | 13 25       |             |
| Re-assessments,   | 76 95       |             |
| Sidewalks,        | 138 30      |             |
| Excise Tax,       | 288 40      |             |
| Cash on hand,     | 1 02        |             |
| Due from Firemen, | 47 13       |             |
| Taxes, 1899,      | 3 58        |             |
| Taxes, 1900,      | 17 90       |             |
| Taxes, 1901,      | 1,455 51    |             |
| Taxes, 1902,      | 2,564 69    |             |
|                   | <hr/>       | \$28,832 73 |

CR.

|                                |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| By Cash paid C. B. Heath, Town |             |             |
| Treasurer,                     | \$22,712 04 |             |
| Discounts,                     | 811 38      |             |
| Abatements, 1899,              | 2 00        |             |
| Abatements, 1900,              | 7 65        |             |
| Abatements, 1901,              | 124 25      |             |
| Abatements, 1902,              | 19 70       |             |
| Abatements, 1903,              | 311 73      |             |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1899,       | 1 58        |             |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1900,       | 1 80        |             |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1901,       | 69 27       |             |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1902,       | 1,221 22    |             |
| Uncollected Taxes, 1903,       | 3,488 82    |             |
| Due from Firemen,              | 61 29       |             |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$28,832 73 |

# UNCOLLECTED TAX LIST FEB. 13, 1904.

|                            | 1899.  | 1900.  | 1901.  | 1902.  | 1903.  |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Wilson, C. J.              | \$1 58 | \$1 80 | \$2 43 | \$1 70 | \$1 80 |
| Foster, J. H.              |        |        | 18 11  | 16 62  | 17 03  |
| Farrington, F. B.          |        |        | 14 78  | 13 48  | 14 15  |
| Fitzgerald, J. E.          |        |        | 7 65   | 7 23   | 7 65   |
| Thompson, W. F.            |        |        | 2 00   | 2 00   | 2 00   |
| Trembla, E.                |        |        |        | 19 00  | 20 00  |
| Doyle, heirs               |        |        | 18 00  | 17 00  | 18 00  |
| Geoffrey, H. bal.          |        |        | 6 30   | 7 95   | 8 30   |
| Bailey, M.                 |        |        |        | 13 90  | 14 60  |
| Bailey, L. M.              |        |        |        | 22 32  | 23 60  |
| Bailey, F. P. bal.         |        |        |        | 3 68   | 10 55  |
| Battis, J. W.              |        |        |        | 2 00   | 2 00   |
| Battis, B. H. bal.         |        |        |        | 12 78  | 22 16  |
| Beauvais, J. E.            |        |        |        | 9 65   | 10 10  |
| Blotner, M.                |        |        |        | 4 89   | 13 52  |
| Carter, W. F.              |        |        |        | 18 32  | 20 63  |
| Carroll, Mrs.              |        |        |        | 19 55  | 21 15  |
| Colby, J. W.               |        |        |        | 29 12  | 31 52  |
| Connor, T. E. est.         |        |        |        | 14 96  | 17 64  |
| Connell, Mrs.              |        |        |        | 30 60  | 32 40  |
| Currier, O. S. Jr.         |        |        |        | 2 00   | 2 00   |
| Currier, J. E. bal.        |        |        |        | 336 22 | 425 18 |
| Evans, Mrs. est.           |        |        |        | 7 23   | 7 65   |
| Farrar, R. E.              |        |        |        | 9 23   | 10 55  |
| Handley, J. E.             |        |        |        | 2 00   | 2 00   |
| Heath, A. bal.             |        |        |        | 46 37  | 18 92  |
| Howe, N. L.                |        |        |        | 19 00  | 20 00  |
| Hoyt, Mrs. bal.            |        |        |        | 17 95  | 24 30  |
| Hunt, Mrs. heirs           |        |        |        | 10 20  | 10 80  |
| Gunnison, George est. bal. |        |        |        | 5 50   | 14 85  |
| Labrie, I.                 |        |        |        | 14 75  | 15 50  |
| Libby, W. V.               |        |        |        |        | 16 40  |
| Little, E. C. bal.         |        |        |        | 34 19  | 54 74  |

## DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

89

|                     |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| McNannie, John      | 8 80  | 9 20  |
| McNannie, Mrs.      | 19 98 | 21 15 |
| Mason, G. F.        | 2 00  | 2 00  |
| Milhendler, A. bal. | 8 58  | 8 10  |
| Morse, E. W. bal.   | 43 93 | 57 44 |
| Patten, Jona        | 5 40  | 5 60  |
| Pettigrew, L. F.    | 2 00  |       |
| Pettigrew heirs     | 7 65  | 8 10  |
| Ransom, E. T.       | 2 00  | 2 00  |
| Rollins, S.         | 5 10  | 5 40  |
| Sargent, W. P. est. | 31 45 | 33 30 |
| Simmons, C. H.      | 2 00  | 2 00  |
| Smith, H. L.        | 18 15 | 19 10 |
| Stoyle, T.          | 21 55 | 22 70 |
| Sullivan, D. F.     | 32 60 | 34 40 |
| Travis, M.          | 15 60 | 16 40 |
| Tuckwell, C. H.     | 22 74 | 24 68 |
| Webster, A. M.      | 12 20 | 12 80 |
| Witham, C. C.       | 27 42 | 30 08 |
| Bagley, T.          | 85    | 90    |
| Bucklin, J.         | 85    | 90    |
| Colburn, E. S.      | 3 83  | 4 05  |
| Carville, E.        | 3 40  | 3 60  |
| Davis est.          | 16 58 | 17 55 |
| Dow, Mrs.           | 13 60 | 14 40 |
| Donahue, Mrs.       | 6 80  | 7 20  |
| Howe, H. M.         | 47 60 | 50 40 |
| Kelley, M. heirs    | 85    | 90    |
| Murphy, Mrs.        | 5 83  | 5 85  |
| Oakes est.          | 4 25  | 4 50  |
| Peaslee, R. S.      | 8 50  | 9 00  |
| Peaslee, J. S.      | 2 98  | 3 15  |
| Sargent, H. W.      | 5 10  | 5 40  |
| Sargent, E. O.      | 6 38  | 5 40  |
| Starrat, Mrs.       | 6 38  | 6 75  |
| Williams, W. S.     | 23 80 | 25 20 |
| Iroquois Club,      | 3 40  | 3 60  |



| 1903.                 |         |                    |       |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------|
| Allison, Mrs. heirs   | \$12 60 | Miles,             | 26 03 |
| Allison, W. S.        | 2 00    | Morse, M. A.       | 36 00 |
| Allison, I. R.        | 2 27    | Nichols, H. H.     | 2 00  |
| Barry, M. E.          | 2 00    | Nichols, Mrs.      | 22 50 |
| Baptist Society,      | 32 40   | Nolan, T. H.       | 2 00  |
| Blackburn, Joseph     | 38 00   | Noyes, C. H. 2d    | 2 00  |
| Blaisdell, J. L.      | 24 41   | Oakes, H. bal.     | 32 40 |
| Breadeau, H.          | 2 00    | Paul, Mrs.         | 6 30  |
| Burke, O. W.          | 23 15   | Pettingell,        | 48 98 |
| Burns, M. J.          | 2 00    | Rowell heirs       | 80 10 |
| Bushong, W. R.        | 2 00    | Riley heirs        | 34 20 |
| Colby, Geo. F.        | 2 00    | Sargent, Mrs.      | 8 55  |
| Colman, Mrs. Chas. E. | 22 50   | Sheys, W. E.       | 8 30  |
| Carroll, H. G.        | 2 00    | Staples, A. S.     | 2 00  |
| Collins, M. C.        | 2 00    | Swett, J. C.       | 22 25 |
| Coombs, A. H.         | 2 81    | Swett, Leo         | 2 00  |
| Doherty, J.           | 7 65    | Temple, Hanson J.  | 2 00  |
| Doyle, J.             | 2 00    | Thompson, M. W.    | 26 30 |
| Evans, J. M.          | 2 00    | Thompson, L. G.    | 51 77 |
| Farrington, Mrs.      | 3 06    | Tibbetts, E. C.    | 11 00 |
| Fitzgerald, W. E.     | 2 00    | Tozier, E. E.      | 13 61 |
| Gale,                 | 2 00    | Tredeau, W. A.     | 3 44  |
| Gassett, bal.         | 9 90    | Varney, Winfred E. | 2 00  |
| Gilday, G. S. H.      | 2 27    | Wilson, Clyde      | 2 00  |
| Gilmore, M. J.        | 2 00    | Willis, D. H.      | 10 55 |
| Golin, H. F.          | 2 00    | Woodburn E.        | 2 00  |
| Goldsmith, W. H.      | 2 00    | Yeaton, W. S.      | 2 00  |
| Gormley, W. W.        | 9 20    | Brady, Mrs.        | 22 50 |
| Gould,                | 36 83   | Burque, A.         | 35 10 |
| Greeley, M.           | 17 75   | Brown, Mrs. J. S.  | 25 20 |
| Gunnison, C. E. bal.  | 57 80   | Brown, S.          | 5 40  |
| Heath, G. L. est.     | 37 80   | Cobb, J. W.        | 37 80 |
| Heath, F. L.          | 2 00    | Capen, E. N.       | 10 80 |
| Hunt, G. B.           | 2 00    | Hall, Henry H.     | 3 60  |
| H. & A. St. Ry. Co.,  | 602 10  | Kimball, Geo. W.   | 6 30  |
| Jones, J. D. bal.     | 6 40    | Labrie, E. M.      | 8 10  |
| Libby, W. V.          | 16 40   | Lyons,             | 3 15  |
| Marshall, Perry       | 2 00    | Mace, C. O.        | 3 78  |
|                       |         | Merriman, C. N.    | 16 20 |

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

91

|                     |       |                      |        |
|---------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Morrison, J. L.     | 21 60 | Lake Shore Club,     | 3 60   |
| Morse, W. L.        | 16 20 | Bange, M.            | 19 80  |
| Morrill, R. C.      | 9 00  | Knapp, C. S.         | 11 70  |
| Neal, Ada J.        | 4 05  | H. & A. St. Ry. Co., |        |
| Loud heirs, bal.    | 79 20 | excise tax,          | 120 65 |
| Nichols, W. M. est, | 52 92 | CONCRETE SIDE WALKS. |        |
| Nichols, J. A. est. | 3 60  | Baptist Society,     | 24 30  |
| Stone, M.           | 17 10 | Mrs. Smart,          | 14 25  |
| Sawyer, E. C.       | 4 05  | Williams est.        | 15 00  |
| Social Club,        | 3 60  | Loud heirs,          | 11 70  |

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

---

CLIFTON B. HEATH, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

---

| 1903.   | DR.   |            |
|---------|---|------------|
| Feb. 20 | Cash on hand,   | \$1,063 04 |
| 20      | Merrimac Savings Bank, account<br>concreting,             | 7 65       |
|         | Town of Amesbury, account Charles<br>Goodwin,             | 131 37     |
| 28      | City of Haverhill,  | 92 78      |
| Mar. 10 | City of Lynn,   | 13 30      |
| 23      | Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,                              | 2,000 00   |
| April 9 | G. W. Cate, court fees,                                   | 7 00       |
| May 2   | Loan, Jose, Parker & Co.,                                 | 5,000 00   |
| June 2  | Loan, Jose, Parker & Co.,                                 | 2,000 00   |
| 29      | School Committee, account of fence<br>and sale of apples, | 11 36      |
| July 20 | Alfred M. Colby, account Margaret<br>Noone,               | 260 05     |
| Aug. 21 | John L. and Sophia A. Merrill trust<br>fund,              | 200 00     |
| Sept. 9 | R. E. Farrar,   | 26 12      |
| 15      | G. W. Cate, court fees,                                   | 5 00       |
| Oct. 8  | G. W. Cate, court fees,                                   | 101 00     |
| 30      | Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,                              | 7,500 00   |
| Nov. 21 | Trustees of Cemetery, sale of wood<br>and hay,            | 37 00      |
| 26      | Loan, Inst. for Savings, Newbury-<br>port,                | 2,000 00   |

|         |                                    |           |             |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Dec. 14 | G. W. Cate, court fees,            | \$20 00   |             |
| 1904.   |                                    |           |             |
| Jan. 12 | Loan, Inst. for Savings, Newbury-  |           |             |
|         | port,                              | 5,000 00  |             |
|         | Trustees of Cemetery, sale of lot, | 8 00      |             |
| 19      | Water Committee, sale of lumber,   | 3 00      |             |
|         | School Committee, account wood,    | 2 25      |             |
|         | H. O. Blaisdell,                   | 2 20      |             |
| Feb. 12 | Treasurer Commonwealth of Massa-   |           |             |
|         | chusetts,                          |           |             |
|         | Account Superintendent of Schools, | 625 00    |             |
|         | Inspector of Animals,              | 25 00     |             |
|         | Education State Children,          | 181 00    |             |
|         | Corporation Tax,                   | 1,206 96  |             |
|         | National Bank Tax,                 | 129 22    |             |
|         | Military Aid,                      | 40 63     |             |
|         | State Aid,                         | 888 00    |             |
|         | State Paupers,                     | 7 60      |             |
|         | Burial of Soldiers,                | 105 00    |             |
|         | Street Railway Tax,                | 215 33    |             |
|         | First National Bank, rent,         | 225 00    |             |
|         | Thomas Parkin, account Sargent     |           |             |
|         | Hall,                              | 95 25     |             |
|         | Edward Wyman, Sealer,              | 11 23     |             |
|         | County Treasurer, dog tax,         | 107 51    |             |
|         | John S. Clement, Collector,        | 22,712 04 |             |
|         |                                    | <hr/>     | \$52,065 89 |

## CR.

|                                     |            |             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| By Paid County Tax,                 | \$1,398 10 |             |
| State Tax,                          | 1,150 00   |             |
| National Bank Tax,                  | 1,406 14   |             |
| State and Military Aid,             | 1,107 00   |             |
| Repairs on State Highway,           | 78 00      |             |
| Notes and Interest,                 | 20,002 70  |             |
| Selectmen's Orders,                 | 24,773 91  |             |
| John L. and Sophia A. Merrill trust |            |             |
| fund,                               | 200 00     |             |
| Cash on hand,                       | 1,950 04   |             |
|                                     | <hr/>      | \$52,065 89 |

## MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

---

 DR.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Received from Treasurer of Commonwealth, | \$779 86 |
|--|----------|

CR.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Deposit in First National Bank, | \$779 86 |
|---------------------------------|----------|

---

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Eliza M. Sawyer Fund,               | \$114 00 |          |
| Balance of interest unexpended,     | 2 50     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$116 50 |
| Emily S. Goodwin Fund,              | 250 00   |          |
| Interest unexpended,                | 6 59     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 256 59   |
| John L. and Sophia A. Merrill Fund, | 200 00   |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 200 00   |
|                                     |          | <hr/>    |
|                                     |          | \$573 09 |

CR.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Balance per Books 4119, 4149 and 4205, Merrimac<br>Savings Bank, | \$573 09 |
|--|----------|

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON B. HEATH, Treasurer.

Merrimac, Mass., Feb. 15, 1904.



# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

---

I have examined the accounts of the Assessors, Selectmen, Tax Collector, and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1904, and find them all correct with the exception that I find there is \$1.00 due from the town on account of bills paid by Order No. 1332, \$10.64, which should have been for \$11.64. Order No. 1216, \$70.95, outstanding at date of last report was reported to the Selectmen as having been lost or destroyed by accident and they drew Order No. 1325 for \$70.95 to pay the bill and have stopped payment on No. 1216. Order No. 1681, \$2.65, is supposed to have been lost with the voucher.

The statement below is the amount of orders drawn, paid, and outstanding as shown by the books.

|  |             |           |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Balance Orders outstanding last report,            |             | \$154 78  |
| Total amount of Orders drawn this year,            | \$45,986 39 |           |
| Deduct No. 1325 for 1902 bill,                     | 70 95       |           |
|  | <hr/>       | 45,915 44 |
|  |             | <hr/>     |
|  |             | 46,070 22 |
| <br>Paid by the Treasurer for orders of last year, | \$154 78    |           |
| Orders drawn for bills of this year and paid,      | 45,728 83   |           |
|  | <hr/>       | 45,883 61 |
|  |             | <hr/>     |
|  |             | \$186 61  |
| <br>Memorandum of orders not in :                  |             |           |
| No. 1464,  | \$63 00     |           |
| No. 1520,  | 13 00       |           |
| No. 1628,  | 8 00        |           |
| No. 1681,  | 2 65        |           |
| No. 1714,  | 94 50       |           |
| No. 1715,  | 75          |           |
| No. 1727,  | 71          |           |
| No. 1573,  | 4 00        |           |
|  | <hr/>       | \$186 61  |

Vouchers are on file for all bills paid and I hereby certify the accounts to be correct except as noted above.

William C. Russell, Collector, reports no receipts during the current year.

FREDERICK C. GRANT, Auditor.

February 15, 1904.





